



Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

I hope you are having fun and enjoying your summer break. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new and exciting school year. I am delighted to have you as part of our amazing learning community, and I look forward to collaborating and working with you and your children.

The staff and I are excited to engage in another great year of learning, socially, academically and emotionally. The staff and I take the responsibility of caring for your child each day very seriously. We hope that you find your experience very fulfilling. With any organization, communication is the key component to success. Please take advantage of all the channels of communication the school and district have to offer. Our vision is to get our students ready and prepared for the next step of their educational journey. Our staff at Greenfield School is here to serve and support your child's needs and concerns to advance student outcomes and position all students for academic growth and success.

Each year brings positive change and new staff members. We have a few new additions to our staff for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to welcome Rachel, our new school nurse. We also have a classroom assistant, Ms. Guzzo, and a para, Mr. Owen, joining our Greenfield team this year. We welcome our new staff and they are excited to meet and work with you and your children.

Enclosed in the following pages are policies and procedures that will be enforced at Greenfield School during the 2022-2023 school year. Please take time to read this material and go over it with your children. These policies and procedure are in place for the safety of all staff, students and parents.

Again, we are very excited about this year. We hope you and your children enjoy their experience. Please take some time to enjoy your kids and what the school has to offer. Your children are why we are here. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you. Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring that Greenfield School remains one of the top schools in the city is the ultimate goal. I look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know we will work together and make this school year a success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandon George
Principal Greenfield Pre K-8

School Procedures

All students should be in the building by 8:25 a.m. Students who arrive after 8:40am should report to the main office and will be marked tardy. **Excessive tardiness will lead to school discipline/court action.** When your child is late they are missing class time and disrupting the learning environment. Please be on time **every day.**

COVID PROTOCOL

At this time we will continue to follow the COVID protocol that was in place in June 2022. We will await further directive from the district for 2022-23 expectations, procedures and mitigations.

Please be advised of the following procedures that are in place for the safety of your child and the staff when entering Greenfield School. When entering Greenfield School, you **MUST** ring the bell at the main entrance and await direction from the main office. When you buzz in you will be asked your name, name of your child and purpose of the visit. Once permitted, please report directly to the main office. **ONCE IN THE MAIN OFFICE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PRESENT ID (DRIVERS LICENSE ETC..) FOR VERIFICATION.** You will sign in and get a visitor's badge. When leaving, exit the building through the main entrance doors. You cannot enter the building and go directly to your child's classroom. If you do, you will be asked to leave the building. At this time, you are not permitted to walk to your child to their class at any time. Parents/guardians are not permitted to linger in hallways, classrooms or the auditorium. Again, this is for the safety of all and will be enforced by administration. When metal detectors are in use all students or anyone entering the building will be required to pass through the metal detectors and follow school procedure.

After-School Activities

A variety of after school activities will be provided. Information will be sent home about each activity and students may register for the one(s) of their choice. Permission slips are required for participation that will be given to the students as activities are planned and/or announced. It is the responsibility of the student to inform parents prior to the activity (not the day of the activity) that they will be staying after school. Parents are responsible for transporting their child home after the activity.

Attendance

Class attendance and participation are necessary for the accomplishment of curriculum objectives. However, a student should not receive a failing grade for any of the situations listed in the Code of Student Conduct, so long as the student makes up all of the missed assignments.

Attendance-Related Procedures

- **Parents must submit excuses for absences within three days. If a note is not submitted, the absence becomes permanently unlawful.** The school district will upload a “Notice of Unlawful Absence” letter after the first and second unexcused absence in HAC. An unexcused absence would be considered an absence in which a student did not submit a note from home within three days.
- If a student has a third unexcused absence, parents receive via mail the “Notice of Unlawful Absence” letter and a warning that they may be liable in court without further notice from the school. Parents will make an appointment to meet with school counselor and establish a Truancy Elimination Plan.
- A fourth unlawful/unexcused absence (a note has not been submitted within three days) will result in a citation issued by the District Magistrate in which students will have to appear in court and face a possible fine of \$300. Other consequences could occur which will be determined by the court.
- A maximum of ten (10) days of cumulative lawful absences verified by parental notification shall be permitted during the school year. All absences beyond ten (10) cumulative days shall require an excuse from a licensed practitioner of the healing arts.
- Students who are planning educational trips/travel must submit a note to their homeroom teacher two weeks prior to travel. The note should include dates of travel and reason for travel. All travel requests require approval by the school principal. Absences due to travel will be included in the ten (10) days of lawful cumulative absences for the school year.

Helpful Hints for Parents Regarding Attendance

- An unexcused absence is an absence in which a student has not submitted a note from home, doctor, hospital, funeral home, religious organization, or court within three days. The absence remains unexcused forever.
- An excused absence is an absence in which a student has submitted a note to their homeroom teacher from a parent/guardian, doctor, hospital, funeral home, religious organization, or court within three days of the absence.
- Notes of any kind cannot be accepted after three days of the absence. Notes will be returned to the student.
- ***If the student has more than 10 days absent within the school year, handwritten notes from a parent/guardian cannot be accepted. Only doctor’s notes will be allowed for any additional absences, and are required to be turned in within three days of the absence.***

The District’s attendance policy is strictly followed at Pittsburgh Greenfield K-8. A description of this policy has been provided for you in the Code of Student Conduct your child received in the mail or on-line at www.pps.k12.pa.us

Bell Schedule



BELL SCHEDULE

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Breakfast.....students may enter at 8:10 AM	
Homeroom 8:25 – 8:40 AM	
Intervention	8:40 – 9:10 AM
1 st Period	9:10 – 9:54 AM
2 nd Period	9:54 – 10:38 AM
3 rd Period	10:38 – 11:22 AM
4 th Period	11:22 – 12:07 PM
1 st LUNCH Grades 4, 5 & 6	11:22 – 11:44 AM
	11:44 – 12:07 PM
5 th Period	12:07 – 12:52 PM
2 nd LUNCH Grades K, 1,2 & 3	12:07 – 12:29 PM
	12:29 – 12:52 PM
6 th Period	12:52 – 1:37 PM
3 rd LUNCH Grades 7 & 8	12:52 – 1:14 PM
	1:14 – 1:37 PM
7 th Period	1:37 – 2:21 PM
8 th Period	2:21- 3:05 PM
DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS IS PROMPTLY 3:05 – 3:10 PM	

Students who wish to eat breakfast may enter the building at **8:10AM** and report directly to the cafeteria. Any student who arrives after 8:40AM is tardy and must report to the office.

Breakfast

All students at Greenfield School in grades Pre K-8 can receive a breakfast every morning. Students choosing to eat breakfast are permitted to enter the building at 8:10 AM and go directly to the cafeteria. Once they are done, they will report to their homeroom. Breakfast is only served till 8:40 AM.

Bus Routes and Operations

Bus Behavior-Riding the school bus is a privilege. Any misbehavior will lead to a bus suspension or total removal off the bus. Any misbehavior will be dealt with to ensure that all students are safe during their bus ride.

The transportation department at the Board plans bus routes and stops. Parents who wish to make requests need to contact transportation at (412) 338-8125. Students may ride only the bus they have been assigned to ride. Parents cannot send in a note asking for the child to ride a different bus for a particular day.

Cell Phones



Greenfield School Prescribed Cell Phone Policy



Students and their parents must read the cell phone policy and return a signed copy to the office each school year. Signing the policy acknowledges acceptance. Students will not be permitted to have their phones at school until the signed policy is returned.

- 1. Cell phone use is prohibited in classrooms, restrooms, and school offices, unless otherwise stated by a teacher.*
- 2. During the instructional day, cell phones must remain out of sight, out of mind and in silent mode. Cell phones must be placed in lockers, backpacks, or another location away from students and their desks during all class times, tests and assessments.*
- 3. Cell phones may be used on school grounds before school, during lunch or recess, and after school only.*
- 4. Unless explicitly allowed by a staff member, headphones, ear pods and other listening devices may only be used before and after school hours.*
- 5. If students need to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone.*
- 6. Students may be subject to disciplinary action if their use of their cell phone disrupts the school's educational environment. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: disruption of class, cheating, bullying, harassment, unlawful recording or photographing, violating other school rules.*
- 7. The school and its staff are not responsible for any damage to or theft of a student's cell phone. Students must properly secure and take care of their own phones.*

If students violate the school's cell phone policy, the following may occur:

- **First offense:** The student's cell phone will be confiscated by a staff member and held in the main office until the end of the school day. Before being allowed to pick up their phone at the end of the day, students must discuss and review the cell phone policy with a staff member.
- **Second offense:** The student's cell phone will be confiscated and held in the main office until the end of the school day. The student's parents will be contacted and informed of the refusal to follow the school's cell phone policy. Students may pick up their phones from the school administrator.
- **Third offense:** The student's cell phone will be confiscated and held in the main office until the student's parents are able to come to pick it up. The student will receive consequences and will be prohibited from bringing their cell phone back on school grounds for two weeks.

**The administration reserves the right to adjust these consequences on a case-by-case basis if needed. For example, extreme behaviors that break the law or engaging in bullying or harassment of other students may result in suspension.

- ***Greenfield School is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones!!***

Code of Student Conduct

Teachers have the authority and responsibility to maintain discipline in the classroom. School discipline policies will be established and consistently enforced. When a student is having a problem, the teacher may conference with the student, conference with the parent, use classroom disciplinary procedures, or refer the situation directly to an administrator.

The team leaders and the counselor assist the principal with discipline. We will work together to ensure consistent consequences for behaviors. School and home must work together. Threats of any kind to the school, staff, or students will not be tolerated.

Parent Concerns: School administration and staff have daily work schedules. If you want to meet with the Principal, Counselor or any other staff you need to schedule an appointment time in advance. Showing up without prior notice does not guarantee a meeting with school staff. We will make every attempt to accommodate you, however most meetings that involve teachers will be held either before school, after school or on a teacher's prep. Teachers WILL not be pulled out of class while they are teaching to meet.

Counselor

A counselor is available to assist students with questions, attendance issues, testing, career choices, social problems, and crisis situations. Students are encouraged to make use of these professionals by seeing their classroom teachers or by stopping in the main office to schedule an appointment.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal for students is at 3:10 PM. The front office will not get students out of their rooms for early dismissals, phone calls etc... from 2:30 PM until dismissal. Parents must wait outside the building during dismissal. Be on time if picking up your child at dismissal. Staff will not be able to wait with students should you be late. Please be mindful and courteous to others. Please call the school if you have an emergency.

Dress Code: School Appropriate Dress Policy



Pittsburgh Public Schools Dress Code Policy

Pittsburgh Public Schools has an exclusionary dress code. No student shall wear any apparel or jewelry that by words, signs, pictures or any combination thereof appearing on said clothing or jewelry advocates or promotes sexual activity or violence, or the use of alcohol or drugs, or demeans or degrades another because of race, sex, religious persuasion, national origin, handicap or disability.

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing at all times while at school. Revealing attire that permits the exposure of undergarments or private body parts is prohibited. This prohibition shall be in effect during regular school hours and at any school-sponsored event whether on or off school premises.

A prescribed dress code or uniform policy is defined as a policy, either in writing or declared verbally by a given school principal, that requires the student to wear a certain mode of dress during school time, or at any school-sponsored event whether on or off school premises.

Individual schools within the District may adopt a prescribed dress code or uniform policy in accordance with the Board's policy.

Greenfield's Prescribed Dress Code

At **Pittsburgh Greenfield School** we take pride in the appearance of our students and have adopted a prescribed dress code. The following bullets have been outlined in Greenfield's prescribed dress code:

- Hats, Bandanas, do-rags, hoods and coats are not to be worn in class; these articles must be placed in lockers upon arrival at school.
- All shirts/tops must cover stomach and back.
- All clothing items must extend beyond the fingertips when arms are extended at the side.
- Mini-skirts, short shorts, hot pants, and **shredded jeans or jeans with holes** are not permitted.
- All pants must be worn at the waist – low hanging pants/ exposed underwear is offensive in school. Belts must be worn to keep pants at the waist.
- Lounge pants, pajama pants are not permitted.
- **Tops and dresses must cover shoulders, midriff, cleavage, and back.** Tank tops, halter-tops, belly shirts, spaghetti straps, tops with cut-outs, and strapless tops are not allowed, without wearing another top that covers exposed areas. Leggings are only allowed when worn under dresses or a tunic that comes to mid-thigh. Any skirt, shirt or other top that exposes undergarments or bare midsection is prohibited.
- All tank tops must be three fingertips in width when the hand is held to the shoulder.
- Proper footwear must be worn in school at all times. **The wearing of flip flops, shower or beach shoes, slippers or other footwear that has no defined heel or heel strap, or that is not securely fastened to the foot is strictly prohibited.**

Students in violation of the dress code policy will receive disciplinary action and may be sent home to change or the parent may be contacted to provide a change of clothes. Students will not be permitted to attend class while in violation of the dress code.

The principal will be the final judge of the appropriateness of student dress and appearance.

1st Offense.....Warning/Reprimand/Parent Contact (Student will wear a shirt provided by the school)
2nd Offense.....Lunch Detention (no recess)/ Parent Contact
3rd Offense.....Parent Conference with student and school administration
4th and subsequent violations.....Parent will be notified about the students appropriate dress violation. Student will wait in designated area for parent to bring an appropriate outfit and student may be asked to return to school with parent for a meeting with principal.



Early Dismissal Procedure

- Early dismissals will not be granted after 2:30pm.
- Early Dismissals are discouraged except for emergencies. Early dismissals should not occur daily or weekly. If a student needs to be dismissed early for medical reasons, then we will need a medical excuse. We fully understand students have doctor's appointments; however this is not a daily/weekly occurrence and will not be honored without proper documentation.
- The school will honor medical/dental appointments and extreme emergencies.
- Parents must write a note for the office specifying the date, time, and reason for the request.
- Students are responsible for bringing the note to the Main Office the morning of their early dismissal.
- The students will then be given a pass to come to the Main Office at the designated time of departure.
- The main office may contact the parent to verify the early dismissal.
- If the office is unable to reach the parent to verify the early dismissal, the student could be refused permission to leave.
- When picking up a student, the parent must call the main office and let them know they are outside, and the main office will call the student. The student will report to the office before meeting the parent at the main entrance.
- Students will be allowed to leave with another parent or relative if a note is presented to the administration and parental approval is confirmed.
- Class cannot be disrupted to call students down to the main office on the intercom. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in an unnecessary delay picking up your child.
- It is against Greenfield School policy for students to use their cell phones during the school day, so we remind students and parents that either the nurse or the main office will allow students to make calls on office phones to their parents.
- Students who leave school without administrative or parental permission will be considered truant, out of area and may face severe consequences. Parents will be notified.
- We want to keep your child safe at the end of a very busy school day. If it is after 2:30 PM and you have not previously sent in a written letter, we ask that you wait until dismissal at 3:10 PM outside the building. We will not call students to the office after this time. **Please understand it is difficult to relay any messages to them during this time.** Please make sure your child's teacher

is aware of the dismissal plan for your child. A written notice in advance is the best way to keep your child safe.

- It also the responsibility for the student to get all classwork and homework they may have missed and turn it in to the next day.

Illness, Injury and Medications

In case of illness or injury, a student will be cared for temporarily by the school nurse or a member of the school staff. School personnel will render first aid treatment only. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, the parents will be contacted.

Remember, an emergency telephone number where parents can be reached and name and telephone number of the student's family doctor must be on file at the school.

Please return the Emergency Care Form provided to you to the main office. Also, if any information changes throughout the school year please notify the front office at (412) 529-3535.

If a student must bring medication to school, the following requirements must be met:

- Must carry a prescription label with the child's name, drug identity, dosage instructions, doctor's name, and prescription date.
- The prescription must be current.
- A note dated and signed by the parent and doctor giving the child's name, dosage amounts, specific dosage times, and other instructions if necessary.
- Medication must be left in the office and will be given by the school nurse or authorized school personnel in the absence of the nurse. The only medication students are permitted to carry in school is an asthma inhaler. However, the office must have a prescription for the inhaler on file.

Medications such as antacids, pain relievers, cough drops, etc. are on hand and can be supplied by the school. However, only the school nurse who assigned here on a daily basis can only dispense these medications. In addition, **parents must indicate on the Emergency Care Form if these medications can be dispensed to their child.** Therefore, if your child is susceptible to upset stomach, headache, or cramps, we suggest that you send these medications to school following the above regulations.

Lockers

A locker is issued at the beginning of the school year. The locker is the property of the school. School personnel may search a student's locker at any time if they feel it is necessary for safety or disciplinary reasons. Students are not to bring anything other than books, pencils, and notebooks to school. The school is not responsible for valuables left in the locker. If a lock is used, give the homeroom teacher a spare key or the combination. If valuables must be brought, please give them to the office. Homeroom teachers will make locker assignments for students and any changes if necessary. **Students are not permitted to switch partners or lockers on their own or put items in another student's locker. Students are responsible for everything that is in their assigned locker. Anything found in a locker is assumed to be the property of the assigned student.**

Loitering

Students should leave the school and school grounds promptly after classes or activities are dismissed. There is to be no unnecessary "hanging around" before school or after school. Non-students are not permitted on campus at any time unless they have been registered as an official guest in the office.

Make-up Work

The school is obligated to provide make-up work for excused absences. Students or their parents are responsible for requesting make-up work immediately upon the student's return to school.

If dates of a student's absence are known in advance, the teacher should be notified, and planned assignments may be given.

Open Container Policy

FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT YOU CANNOT BRING TO SCHOOL

- ✓ Hot/Cold beverages in an **OPEN** container (like, Starbucks, Energy Drinks, Soda/Pop, McDonalds, & Dunkin Donuts, etc.)
- ✓ Food that is not wrapped and sealed inside of your book bag or purse.
- ✓ Drinks in glass bottles.
- ✓ Drinks in a thermos that is not sealed.
- ✓ Large amounts of baked goods.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT YOU CAN BRING TO SCHOOL

- ✓ Thermos or water bottle can be filled with water. A sealed, **unopened** bottle of water, etc.
- ✓ A sealed travel mug, plastic water bottle/thermos that is spill-proof be filled **only** with water.
- ✓ Your lunch wrapped and sealed inside your bag.
- ✓ Snacks purchased at lunch must be finished at lunch or put in your bag.

Finish your drink/food before entering the building.

Bullying/Harassment

Non-discrimination Policy

Policy 102 – Non-Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices

Board Policy 102 states in part:

The Board declares that it is the policy of the District to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, gender (including gender identity or expression), sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or disability.

The District is committed to the maintenance of a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from discrimination by providing all students course offerings, counseling, assistance, services, employment, athletics and extracurricular activities without any form of discrimination, including Title IX sexual harassment. Discrimination is inconsistent with the rights of students and the educational and programmatic goals of the District and is prohibited at or, in the course of, District-sponsored programs or activities, including transportation to or from school or school-sponsored activities. Discrimination is also prohibited in any remote learning program or activity of the District.

For the full text of Board Policy 102-Non-Discrimination in School and Classroom Practices, please visit: <https://www.pghschools.org/nondiscrimination-policy>

Title IX Procedures

For information about our Title IX procedures, please visit:

<https://www.pghschools.org/titleIX>

Parent Involvement

Parent Volunteers

We want to increase the meaningful involvement in the daily life of the children at Pittsburgh Greenfield. Parent volunteers need to obtain an ACT 33/34 clearance to work with children. This includes all field trips and chaperoning of any school event. Please contact the main office if you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer.

PTO

Pittsburgh Greenfield K-8 has a very active PTO. All parents are urged to become members and to actively participate in this process. PTO meetings will be held the monthly at a time to be announced. Check the website for updated info on the PTO.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents are encouraged to arrange conferences with the teachers and the counselor to review students' records and academic performance. To arrange an appointment, call the school office to contact the person desired or send a Talking Points directly to the teacher. Visitors for conferences should report directly to the office and sign in on the visitor's sign-in sheet. The district has a Parent/Teacher Conference scheduled in October.

Parking Lot

MORNING

Parents, the parking lot is a very busy place both before and after school. Parents that are dropping off students should either park their car in the designated area or drop your child off on the bus lane in the morning. ***DO NOT park your car in the bus lane.*** If you drop your child off in the bus lane, proceed to the main entrance and come to a complete stop so your child can exit on the passenger side. **For safety concerns do not let your child out of the car on the driver side. There may be traffic passing and we do not want anything to happen. PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND RESPECTFUL.**

DISMISSAL

Dismissal for students is at 3:10 PM. At **DISMISSAL** cars are **NOT PERMITTED** to park in the bus lane. Cars should be parked in the middle of the lot by 2:50PM (At 2:50 the lot will be closed until after dismissal). After 2:50PM you will have to park off of school property. Parents/ Guardians can wait outside by the front door or by their cars. **CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE LOT UNTIL THE BUSES LEAVE (FIRST). IF YOU ARE IN A HURRY AND NEED TO LEAVE YOU SHOULD PARK OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY. IF THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT FOLLOWED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE LOT TO ALL PARENTS (CARS) PICKING UP THEIR CHILD AFTERSCHOOL. THIS IS A MAJOR SAFETY CONCERN AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

Please make sure your child and your child's teacher know where they will meet you at dismissal.

School Transition to Remote Learning and/or Cancellation

Transition to Remote or Cancellation of school takes place only during circumstances such as extreme weather, equipment failure, or public crisis. The school board and administrators are aware of the hardship which can be caused by an abrupt cancellation. Therefore, school will not be canceled unless a significant safety risk has been created by unusual circumstances. Every practical means is used to notify parents of cancellation, including radio, TV, newspapers, Talking Points, PPS webpage, and Alert Now robocall. **Students will transport their laptop or ipad to and from school every day. They should always be charged and ready for school and/or emergency remote instruction.** In the unusual circumstance where school must be cancelled during the school day, teachers will determine that all students have satisfactory transportation and supervision before releasing them.

Substitute Teachers

Every student will periodically be taught by a substitute teacher. The most common reason for using substitute teachers occurs when the regular teacher is ill. However, substitutes are also used when regular teachers are on leave for personal business, professional training, or family emergency. Students are expected to be extra courteous to substitute teachers. Any misconduct in the classroom will be dealt with immediately.

Tardiness

Prompt arrival at school is expected of all students. Students should be in homeroom by 8:25 a.m. Students reporting after 8:40 a.m. should report to the main office and will be given an admission slip. If students do not obtain an admission slip, they will be marked absent. A note must accompany late students. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated and may result in the student's referral to the counselor. ***Students with excessive tardies will receive a letter from the school and should the student continue they will be referred to the magistrate for attendance violations.***

Technology

All students will be assigned a device to use during the 2022-2023 school year. These devices are to be used for school purposes only. An Acceptable Use Policy will be sent home and must be signed for students to receive their device. **Students are expected to carry their device to and from school every day.**

Community Resource Guide

Family Resources

Alliance for Community Respite Care - 1(888) 954-2424

A collaborative network of families, providers, community members and advocates who work to ensure the availability of quality respite care.

www.classcommunity.org/how-we-help/alliance-community-respite-care

Allegheny Family Network (AFN) - 1(888) 273-2361

Supports and partners with families raising children with emotional and mental health needs to improve their quality of life.

www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.cfsites.org

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - (412) 622-3114

The Carnegie library has multiple branch locations offering special services such as job career and educational centers.

www.clpgh.org

Child Care Information Services - CCIS of Allegheny County – City - (412) 261-2273 or 1(800) 392-3131

CCIS serves as a primary resource to assist families with child care referrals, emergency childcare, subsidized care for qualifying families, and promotes quality child care by offering training in subjects such as early literacy.

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

Children’s Health Insurance Program - CHIP - 1(800) 986-5437

Pennsylvania’s program to provide health insurance to all uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.

www.chipcoverspakids.com

Family Resources - (412) 363-1702

Family Resources offers many services to help parents and children improve their relationship along with youth enrichment activities at its centers.

www.familyresourcesofpa.org

The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania - (412) 281-2535

Helps mentoring programs by providing training, recruiting, quality assistance, and support to increase the number of mentors in the community.

www.mentoringpittsburgh.org

Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center - (412) 281-4404

The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

www.pealcenter.org

Pittsburgh Public Schools - (412) 529-4357 (Parent Hotline)

The Pittsburgh Public Schools believes in regular, two-way, meaningful communication connecting student academic learning and other school activities;

to this end the Parent Hotline is one of a number of resources to assist parents and families in engagement.

www.pps.k12.pa.us

Right to Education Task Force – (412) 529-2300

The Local Task Force provides opportunities for parents, guardians and community members to ask questions about special education services as well as address concerns that affect students with disabilities in the Pittsburgh Public School District.

Program for Students with Exceptionalities PSE/Oliver

2323 Brighton Rd.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212

ltf2pgh@gmail.com

<http://on.fb.me/1vtwvYK>

United Way of Allegheny County - 211 (HelpLine), (412) 261-6010

United Way of Allegheny County provides information to families through their online resource Help Connections; agency funding, planning, and community problem solving for health and human services agencies operating within Allegheny County. www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org

Children's Services

Achieva - (412) 995-5000

A world-renowned leader in the field of disabilities, known for its innovative programs, and dedication to children with disabilities and their families.

www.achieva.info

Alliance for Infants and Toddlers - (412) 885-6000

This program provides service coordination, screenings, assessments, family support services, and early intervention service coordination to families with children between the ages of birth to three years of age.

www.aftit.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh - (412) 363-6100

Big Brothers Big Sisters increases the self-confidence of children and the probability that they will become fully integrated members of society, leading productive and rewarding lives through mentoring and enrichment programs.

www.bbbspittsburgh.org

Boys and Girls Clubs - (412) 782-5710

The BGC is a unique organization consisting of 8 Club facilities, a Charter H.S., Outlet Connection retail venture, Campfire USA, and extension programs. Our goal is to provide every child with the essential tools needed for a successful & bright future.

www.bgcwpa.org

Catholic Charities, Child Care Support Services - (412) 456-6999

Catholic Charities provides counseling, refugee resettlement, respite care, utility assistance, emergency relief, tangible assistance services and makes referrals for clients. In 2007 it expanded services by opening a Free Health Care Center.

www.ccpgh.org

Children's Institute - (412) 420-2400

The Children's Institute is a nonprofit pediatric rehabilitation facility which provides education services for children ages two to 21 with cognitive or physical disabilities with in-home services for children and families with special needs.

www.amazingkids.org

Girl Scouts - Trillium Council - (412) 566-2570 or 1(800) 248-3355

The Girl Scouts inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.

www.gswpa.org

Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America - (412) 471-2927

The Boy Scouts trains young people in citizenship, service, and physical fitness through the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing programs, & more.

www.gpc-bsa.org

Junior Achievement of Southwest PA Inc. - (412) 208-4747

JA's purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business & economics to improve the quality of their lives.

<https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-westernpa>

Parks and Recreation - (412) 255-2539

Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of recreational programs and facilities for use by Pittsburgh citizens.

<http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/>

Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library - (412) 682-4430

The Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library, a cooperative run by volunteers, is an indoor play-space for children, pre-kindergarten, and their caregivers.

www.pghtoys.org

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh - (412) 227-4802

The Urban League is the largest social and educational service provider and advocacy agency devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream community in Pittsburgh through its diverse programs.

www.ulpgh.org

YMCA - (412) 227-3800

YMCAs serve America's children, families and communities by "building healthy spirit, mind and body for all."

www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org

YouthPlaces - (412) 434-0851

YouthPlaces promotes the positive cognitive, social, physical, emotional and moral development of youth by providing a safe place for them to engage in a range of activities.

www.youthplaces.org

YouthWorks Inc. - (412) 281-6629

YouthWorks builds a community solution to help young people whose potential might be overlooked to pursue employment and career development opportunities.

www.youthworksinc.org

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh - (412) 391-5100

YWCA works to improve our community by increasing the status of women, girls, families and advancing racial justice by tackling homelessness, childcare needs, unemployment, fair housing and civil rights issues.

www.ywcapgh.org

Cultural Organizations

The August Wilson Center - (412) 258-2700

The August Wilson Center for African American Culture is a not-for-profit organization that presents performing, visual and education programs that celebrate the contributions of African Americans within the region and the impact of cultural expression from Africa to the African Diaspora.

<https://culturaldistrict.org/venues/august-wilson-center>

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh - (412) 622-3131 Natural History & Art, (412) 237-3400 Science Center, (412)

237-8300 Andy Warhol

A collection of four dynamic, distinctive museums, and the Pittsburgh region's home for great art and science exploration.

www.carnegiemuseums.org

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh - (412) 322-5058

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.

www.pittsburghkids.org

Fort Pitt Museum - (412) 281-9284

Through exhibits and programs, the museum also addresses the important role of Fort Pitt during the American Revolution and the early development of the city of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt/>

The History Center - (412) 454-6000

The Senator John Heinz History Center is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in the state of Pennsylvania.

www.heinzhistorycenter.org

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild - (412) 322-1773

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild is a multi-discipline, minority directed, center for arts and learning that employs the visual and performing arts to foster a sense of accomplishment and hope in the urban community.

www.mcgyouthandarts.org

National Aviary - (412) 323-7235

The National Aviary is America's only independent indoor nonprofit bird zoo. It is home to 600+ birds of more than 200 species.

www.aviary.org

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens - (412) 622-6914

Encounter the wonders of the natural world. Tour through the jewel-like Conservatory and visit exotic lands and ancient worlds with vivid colors, natural oddities, and surprises around every corner of the botanical gardens.

www.phippsconservatory.org

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium - (412) 665-3640

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG is a 77-acre facility that is home to thousands of animals representing hundreds of diverse species. The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium is one of only six major zoo and aquarium combinations in the country.

www.pittsburghzoo.org