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District Announces Two New Programs for Fall 2019

New CTE Early Childhood Education Program and Pittsburgh Brashear Computer Science Program Expands Opportunities for Students to Pursue Their Passions

PITTSBURGH March 27, 2019 – A new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Early Childhood Education Program and revamped Computer Science Magnet will increase the District’s offering and options for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The opening of both programs was approved at this evening’s Board Legislative Meeting. The new CTE Early Childhood Program at Pittsburgh Millions 6-12 will provide students exposure to a variety of occupations in child care and guidance. A more rigorous Computer Science Magnet will reopen at Pittsburgh Brashear High School to prepare students for further study in computer science. The application period for both programs will open April 1st.

“We are committed to providing educational offerings and options that allow students to engage in their learning as they pursue their passions,” said Superintendent Anthony Hamlet. “These new programs allow students to gain the hands-on experiences that position them for real-world success.”

CTE Early Childhood Education Program

Through a partnership with the District’s Early Childhood Program, students in the new CTE Early Childhood Education Program will receive hands-on practical experience in the childcare center located on the Pittsburgh Millions campus. The CTE Early Childhood Education program includes instruction in growth and development, nutrition, program planning and management, safety, play activities, child abuse and neglect, parent-child personal relationships, and laws, regulations and policies related to child care services. Students will be prepared to earn two credentials: Child Development Associate Preschool and Child Development Associate Infant-Toddler. Interested families of rising 10th-grade students (currently in 9th grade) can apply beginning April 1st at www.pghschools.org/cte.

Pittsburgh Brashear Computer Science Magnet

A revamped Computer Science Magnet will reopen for incoming 9th graders at Pittsburgh Brashear High School after closing in 2014. The new Computer Science Magnet is designed to prepare students for further study in the field of computer programming, emphasizing the development of problem-solving, critical thinking, and other skills essential for pursuing a career in computer programming. Bolstered through partnerships with Carnegie Mellon University, Google, Microsoft’s Technology Education and Literacy in Schools (TEALS) program, the revamped Computer Science Magnet will provide student-centered internship experiences for seniors to become connected to a professional mentor and gain real-world workplace skills. Students in the program can also earn college credit by doing well on the associated Advanced Placement exams - Computer Science Principles and Computer Science A.



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Eligible applicants (current 8th-grade students with an attendance rate of 90% or higher last school year) will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. There will be 60 magnet spaces available for 9th grade for this coming school year. Beginning April 1st, families whose students have not completed a magnet application can apply online at https://cas.pghschools.org/cas_Pittsburgh/login. Families whose students have completed a magnet application for next year can call the Magnet Office at 412-529-3991 to add the program choice as an option.

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