

Choosing the right school for your child

Pittsburgh has many public school options. Here are the four main types of options for publicly funded schools in Pittsburgh:

For more information, call the PPS parent hotline at 412-529-HELP or email support@pghboe.net.



Neighborhood school. Also known as your feeder school, this is a school assigned to you based on your address. You can find your child's assigned school by going to www.discoverpps.org and entering your home address. You can use this report to better understand what's happening at the school!



Charter school. These public schools are run by nonprofit organizations, are authorized by the state of Pennsylvania, and are required to provide a free education to ALL accepted students. All charter schools (other than online schools) that serve students in the City of Pittsburgh are included in this report, beginning on page 98.



Magnet school. These schools have special programs (like a foreign language or STEAM focus) and you MUST apply to them to get in to the special program, even if the school is your neighborhood school. See the right column for details about the magnet and Career and Technical Education application process.

Contact Amie Matson at 412-697-1298, ext. 113 or amatson@aplussschools.org to schedule a Magnet School Workshop for your parent group!



Other neighborhood school or private school. You may be able to enroll your child in a school of your choice through the following options:

- The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program, for students living in the attendance area of a low-achieving school (www.pghschools.org/Page/1408);
- PS-6 Request to Transfer, for safety, family hardship, or other reasons (requests must be made in writing using Form 101); and
- Open Enrollment, in schools that still have openings at the start of the school year. Check in late March/early April 2019 for schools with openings (www.pghschools.org/domain/1274).

How to apply to a magnet or Career and Technical Education (CTE) program

Your child can apply to a magnet program beginning with kindergarten, or a CTE program beginning in 9th or 10th grade. **Applications for the 2019-20 school year are due on November 30, 2018.** To apply, visit www.pghschools.org/magnet or www.pghschools.org/domain/1352.

Entrance to the programs isn't guaranteed. Some magnet programs have requirements, such as grades, foreign language ability (for certain grades after kindergarten), or scores on the state test (PSSA). Except for CAPA 6-12, which has an audition process, students are selected through a lottery.

Your child's application may be given "preference" for:

- Sibling preference: Kindergarten applications are given preference if you already have an older child in the school.
- Program continuation: Your child is applying to the next level of the same program, for example, from the Spanish language magnet at Liberty K-5 to the International Baccalaureate program at Obama 6-12.

Your child's application may also be "weighted"—given extra chances to be chosen—based on the following: Grades K-5 "weights":

- You live in the same region as the school's location. (See the next page to find your region.)
- Your family is economically disadvantaged.
- Your child attended preschool at the school where you are applying.
- Your child attended another PPS preschool.

Grades 6-12 "weights" (except for CAPA and Sci-Tech):

- You live in the same region as the school's location.
- Your family is economically disadvantaged.
- Your child attended school at least 95% of the previous school year.
- Your child didn't receive any 4-10 day suspensions in the previous school year.
- Your child attended a PPS elementary (for grades 6-8) or middle (for grades 9-12) school.

Schools by region

East:

- 1 Allderdice 9-12
- 2 Arsenal PreK-5
- 3 Arsenal 6-8
- 4 Colfax K-8
- 5 Dilworth PreK-5
- 6 Environmental Charter School at Frick Park K-3
- 7 Environmental Charter School at Frick Park 4-8
- 8 Faison K-5
- 9 Fulton PreK-5
- 10 Greenfield PreK-8
- 11 Liberty K-5
- 12 Lincoln PreK-5
- 13 Linden K-5
- 14 Mifflin PreK-8
- 15 Minadeo PreK-5
- 16 Montessori PreK-5
- 17 Obama 6-12
- 18 Propel Charter School Hazelwood (K-8)

- 19 Science & Technology 6-12
- 20 Sterrett 6-8
- 21 Sunnyside PreK-8
- 22 Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School (K-5)
- 23 Westinghouse 6-12
- 24 Woolslair PreK-5

South/West:

- 25 Arlington PreK-8
- 26 Banksville PreK-5
- 27 Beechwood PreK-5
- 28 Brashear 9-12
- 29 Brookline PreK-8
- 30 Carmalt PreK-8
- 31 Carrick 9-12
- 32 Classical 6-8
- 33 Concord PreK-5
- 34 Grandview PreK-5

- 35 Langley K-8
- 36 Online Academy 4-12 (office and drop-in center)
- 37 Phillips K-5
- 38 Roosevelt PreK-1
- 39 Roosevelt 2-5
- 40 South Brook 6-8
- 41 South Hills 6-8
- 42 West Liberty PreK-5
- 43 Westwood PreK-5
- 44 Whittier K-5

North/Central:

- 45 Allegheny K-5
- 46 Allegheny 6-8
- 47 City Charter High School (9-12)
- 48 CAPA 6-12
- 49 King PreK-8
- 50 Manchester Academic Charter School (K-8)
- 51 Manchester PreK-8
- 52 Miller PreK-5
- 53 Milliones 6-12
- 54 Morrow PreK-4
- 55 Morrow 5-8
- 56 Perry 9-12
- 57 Propel Charter School Northside (K-8)
- 58 Provident Charter School (2-6)
- 59 Schiller 6-8
- 60 Spring Hill K-5
- 61 Urban Pathways K-5 College Charter School
- 62 Urban Pathways 6-12 Charter School
- 63 Weil PreK-5

See page 116 for locations of special schools and centers.

