

Peirce Middle School

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS FOR 2023-2024

Dear Peirce Families,

July 25, 2023

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, we hope this summer has been a happy and safe one for you and your family. We have worked hard to prepare for this upcoming school year and look forward to welcoming our families back to Peirce Middle School on **Monday, August 28** for the first day of school (full day). Our maintenance and custodial staff are putting the final touches on the building and the school looks beautiful. This year, our Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 7** (6th grade) and **Thursday, September 14** (7th and 8th grade). While we will send a formal invitation as we get closer to the event, I wanted you to have the dates ahead of time to help with your fall planning. Lastly, please carefully review all of the information in this document, especially that relating to completing your student's back to school paperwork and attendance.

Back to School Information

The back-to-school website is now open to help you complete the annual paperwork that the district requires at the start of each school year. This information can be accessed through the parent portal. Please click on the link below and don't hesitate to contact the office [484-266-2501] if you need assistance. We appreciate all your efforts to have this completed prior to **Friday, August 25, 2023**.

[Parent Portal Link](#)

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available on **Monday, August 14** through the parent portal. If you do not have login credentials, please contact the main office [484-266-2501] and we will assist you. On the first day of school, students will also receive their schedules in homeroom. Courses and levels were verified by parents this past spring and summer. The Peirce Administration cannot accommodate parent/guardian requests to have students placed (or not placed) in a specific teacher's class. Thank you for your anticipated understanding and support of this matter.

Bus Information

Tentative bus schedules will be made available to parents on **Thursday, August 10** through the parent portal. Final bus schedules will be released on **Friday, August 25**. Each student is responsible for knowing their bus number, stop location and pick-up time. Students should be at their bus stop at least

five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Students are not permitted to ride a bus to which they have not been assigned nor get off at a stop other than the one that has been assigned to them.

Carline Information

Attached below you will find the car line safety information for the 2023-2024 school year. Please take a moment to review the information and feel free to reach out with any questions. Student drop-off and pick-up can be challenging with the high volume of cars that enter the campus. We appreciate your efforts in helping keep our students safe during this time.

Arrival / Dismissal Procedures

Student Drop-Off/ Pick-Up: Safety is the top priority at Peirce. Please use the designated lanes to drop-off/pick-up students along the curb. While we do our best to maintain a steady traffic flow, please allow for a generous amount of time during drop-off and pick-up. Additionally, **please adhere to the 15-mph speed limit at all times.** Due to the start time of the staff workday, Students must not enter school **before 7:30 am** unless directed by a teacher for participation in a predetermined activity or club.

Being on Time For School: Homeroom begins at 8:05 AM and ends at 8:15 AM. Students arriving late to homeroom (after the homeroom bell rings at 8:05 AM) must report to the office for a pass. Lateness will be handled in accordance with the WCASD Attendance Policies, and PA State Laws. Eight unexcused lateness is the equivalent of an unlawful absence.

Riding the bus, the car line, and being marked late:

- All Peirce students are assigned to a bus to ride to school. A student whose bus arrives late will NOT be marked late due to the bus's late arrival.
- A student who is driven/walks to school will be marked late if the student is not in his or her homeroom by the time the homeroom bell rings at 8:05.

Attendance

Peirce Middle School enforces the WCASD Attendance Policy and PA State attendance laws as they relate to absences and tardies. Students are required to be in attendance daily to keep current with schoolwork. When your student must be absent, please call our absence line as early in the day as possible but prior to 9:00 a.m. at 484-266-2510. After an absence, a hand-signed parent note, or a doctor's note must be submitted to the homeroom teacher within three days of the student's return to school. New, last school year, families may also send an email documenting the absence by addressing it to the attendance secretary, Ms. Hill (shill@wcasd.net). If documentation is not provided, the absence will be considered unlawful. For additional information, please see our "Attendance 101 Handbook" attached below.

Early Dismissal: If it is necessary for your child to leave school early, a written request by a parent must be presented to the office upon his or her arrival to school. A pass with the dismissal time will then be given to your child (No parent sign-out required). In cases where a note is not provided ahead of time, the parent/guardian is required to sign the student out in the main office.

Please see the School Board Policies section of the WCASD website to access more information about the WCASD Attendance Policy. [Click here.](#)

Cellphones, iPads, other devices

Cell phones, iPads, and other unauthorized electronic devices are not allowed permitted to be accessed during school. If a student chooses to bring any of the devices mentioned to school, then they must be turned off and stored in the student's locker or laptop case for the duration of the school day. Failure to follow this directive will result in the confiscation of the item and possible further disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the student's parent/guardian having to pick the item up from school.

Peirce Communication

Peirce Homepage: Please check our website as most school and district updates will be listed at this location. Additionally, many forms or documents may be accessed through the site. Please click [here](#) to view the Peirce website.

Peirce Pride: Every week (Sundays), we will send the Peirce Pride, our school E-blast, through email. The Peirce Pride is filled with important Peirce news, dates, happenings and other announcements. Additionally, you can also follow the school on twitter. Please see the Twitter address listed below.

@PeircePride

Physical Education Uniforms

Physical Education Uniforms Students should wear the standard Peirce uniform, grey Peirce t-shirt, black or blue gym shorts with socks and sneakers. Please print student's name on the inside of the shorts and t-shirt. Families may place an order now by clicking [here](#). Items will be delivered to your student's homeroom the first week of school.

Backpacks/Lockers

Students are permitted to have backpacks/book bags to transport their books to and from school. Backpacks/book bags are not permitted to transport materials from classroom to classroom during the school day. Each student will have a locker assigned with a built-in lock. The locker must be locked consistently, and the combination kept private to maintain security. All students should bring a combination lock to school to secure belongings in a locker in the P.E. and/or athletic locker rooms.

From the Athletic Department

Sports offered in the fall for 7th and 8th graders include cross country, field hockey, football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer, and volleyball. All student athletes should be prepared to start their fall sport on the second day of school. One exception to this is the sport of football. Please see the attached football schedule below. The West Chester Area School District is pleased to announce that all middle school families will now be able to complete the PIAA physical registration information required for sports participation online through www.familyid.com. **We will no longer be accepting hard copies of the physical packet.** Family ID is a secure, user-friendly, registration platform that streamlines the registration process and helps the WCASD be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. Please see the registration link and introduction letter to FamilyID.

Doctor information

Health Insurance Information

Current Physical Exam – dated after June 1, 2023

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Parent/guardian click the link to register:

<https://www.familyid.com/e-n-peirce-middle-school>

Physical/Dental Examinations & Immunizations Requirements

Pennsylvania requires that a physical examination be submitted to the school nurse for ALL SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS. A copy of any physical from camp, etc. is fine. Also, dental exams are required for SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS. All PA State immunization requirements must be met within the prescribed timelines, or the school must exclude students from attending school as its recourse per PA laws. You may access these forms by clicking [here](#).

Dispensing of Medications

All medications, even Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications, must be dispensed by the school nurse. Please do not send medications with your child to take during the day. This is against school policy and the WCASD Discipline Code. Medications which need to be given during school must be accompanied by a signed permission note from a parent and a written order from the doctor with type, dosage and time. A copy of the prescription to the pharmacy is not the same and cannot be accepted. Students are not permitted to bring their medications to school. A parent/guardian must personally deliver the medication to the school nurse, who must secure and dispense the medication. Students are not permitted to dispense medications to themselves. Our Nurse, Mrs. DiLiberto, will be available for early medicine drop-off at various times in August. Please contact her to schedule the delivery of the medication by calling her at 484-266-2506 or emailing her: ddiliberto@wcasd.net.

Peirce Middle School Code of Conduct

All students will be given access to an electronic copy of WCASD Discipline & Records Policy through the distribution of the 1 to 1 laptop. Additionally, the policy manual will be reviewed with each grade level during their town hall meeting the first week of school. It is vitally important to review every page of this documents with your child.

Peirce PTO

The Peirce PTO Board is excited for the new school year. We have many fun activities in the coming year and plenty of opportunities for parents to get involved. Please keep an eye on this space, your inbox and the PTO website (<https://ptopeirce.membershiptoolkit.com/>) for information about PTO meetings, membership dues, volunteer opportunities and spirit wear sale. We look forward to seeing you at our open houses in the beginning of the school year. For those who need to purchase, Peirce P.E. shirts are always on sale here: <https://tuttlemarketing.com/store/products/peirce-middle-school-gym-shirts-1228>

Important Phone Numbers, Links & Email Addresses

Main Office, 484-266-2500	Peirce website: Click here	
Mr. Joseph DiAntonio, Principal (6 th Grade)	484-266-2501	jdiantonio@wcasd.net
Dr. Philip Matilla, Assistant Principal (7 th grade)	484-266-2503	pmatilla@wcasd.net
Dr. Judy Maxwell, Assistant Principal (8 th grade)	484-266-2502	jkmaxwell@wcasd.net
Mrs. Beata Staff, Counselor (6 th grade)	484-266-2512	bstarr@wcasd.net
Mrs. Stephanie Roesener, Counselor (7 th grade)	484-266-2513	sroesener@wcasd.net
Ms. Carol DeMarco, Counselor (8 th grade)	484-266-2511	cdemarco@wcasd.net
Ms. Akieda Behlin, Intervention Specialist	484-266-2520	abehlin@wcasd.net
Mrs. Dana DiLiberto, Nurse	484-266-2506	ddiliberto@wcasd.net
Mrs. Elizabeth Garduno, Caseworker	484-266-2520	egarduno@wcasd.k12.pa.us
Mr. Sam Virgilio, Athletic Director	484-266-2525	svirgilio@wcasd.net

If you have any questions or cannot access the information for any reason, please call the Peirce Main Office at 484-266-2500. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions. We are here to help and look forward to working with you and your student.

Thank you!

[6th Grade Supply List 2023-2024.pdf](#)

[7th Grade Supply List 2023 2024.pdf](#)

[8th Grade Supply List 2023-2024 PDF](#)

[6th Grade Supply List 2023-2024.pdf](#)

[Attendance 101 2023.24.pdf](#)

[Peirce MS Traffic Flow a.m. and p.m. 23.24.pdf](#)

[Family ID Intro letter 23.24 .pdf](#)

[PIAA CIPPE FORMS SECTION\(S\) 1 - 10\(1\) 2023.2024.pdf](#)

[PIAA Sports Physical Form - Spanish 2023.2024.pdf](#)