

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

PHS Concerts & Plays

The Fall Play, Spring Musical, and concerts throughout the year showcase the talent of Piscataway students and are open to the public.

Diwali

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at Piscataway High School with ethnic food, shopping, and entertainment.

Pway 5K

Held at the end of April, the annual Pway 5K brings the community together in preparing for and running the race. All money raised goes toward funding Project Graduation, an alcohol-free night of fun for PHS graduates.

Best of the Boardwalk

A family fun night filled with great boardwalk food and games, celebrating the end of the school year.

PiscatawayREADS

This community-based initiative promotes reading and literacy. Held in April, students are given free themed, age-appropriate books with a final program filled with book talks, literacy activities, and more.

Choral Collective

Piscataway alumni, parents, teachers and community members who love to sing can join the Piscataway Choral Collective. Meeting twice a month to sing, learn, and build friendships through the common bond of choral music.

Senior Citizen Outreach

Students and staff visit the senior center, offering entertainment, companionship, and service.

Senior Reading Buddies

Offered at Grandview Elementary School, Reading Buddies pairs community volunteers with emerging readers for weekly reading sessions.

Tax Return Preparation Assistance

PHS students, trained in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) through United Way, offer help during tax season.

Volunteer Opportunities

Every school offers volunteer opportunities through its PTO and other parent organizations. The District also has an Education Foundation, dedicated to raising funds to benefit every school. Information is available through each school's main office.



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PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RESOURCES















At Piscataway Schools, we know that learning involves more than teaching. Learning involves the physical and mental well-being of every student. Our schools try to connect students and families with academic, social, and health services, as well as include them in local and school events. Piscataway Schools offer comprehensive community resources, including academic support and enrichment, ELL services, family literacy and parent engagement programs, early education opportunities, physical and mental health services, community service, and entertainment. We continue to grow our programs and services to meet the needs of every member of our school community.

For more information about Piscataway Schools'

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FAMILY SERVICES

Children's Corner Preschool (Infant - PreK)

Children's Corner Preschool offers tuition-based programs for infants through children age four, and free tuition grant preschool programs for qualifying three– and four-year-old students and students identified with special needs. The Children's Corner Preschool program uses Tools of the Mind curriculum at its two campuses:

- •Children's Corner by the River at 2300 Cooper Street
- •Children's Corner by the Pond at 499 New Market Road

Fee-Based Childcare

Before School Program operates in all schools from preschool to grade five where there is sufficient enrollment. Children are supervised from 7 a.m. until school begins.

After School Program operates in all schools from preschool through eighth grade from dismissal until 6 p.m.

Holiday Camps are offered during school holidays for PreK through Grade 8.

Summer Camp

The Piscataway Summer Camp fee-based program is available for students from PreK through Grade 8, with extended hours for working families. Students can enroll for 4, 6, or 8 week periods. Indoor and outdoor activities, exciting enrichment programs, and age appropriate weekly trips are included. Hot and cold lunch is provided.

Community Child Care Solutions

Community Child Care Solutions assists income eligible working parents in paying for before/after school childcare. Community Child Care Solutions requires proof of income and other documentation.

Subscription Busing

Fee-based busing is available for students who live outside the mandated mileage areas.

Homeless Services

Services are provided to homeless families according to the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Each school offers assistance to homeless families.

Career Services

The College, Career, and Personal Guidance Department at Piscataway High School offers individual assistance and counseling for students interested in exploring job and career opportunities immediately after high school.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Families who meet strict income guidelines may be eligible for the following services:

- •Free or Reduced Lunch and Breakfast
- •Reduced Subscription Bus Fees
- •Reduced Elementary String Instrument Rental Fees
- •Waived or Reduced Field Trip Fees
- •Waived or Reduced i-Pad Insurance
- •Reduced SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement Testing, and College Application Fees
- •College Grants and Scholarships

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND HEALTH

School Counselors

Piscataway Schools offer comprehensive counseling for both academic and behavioral needs. Full-time behaviorists are employed at all elementary schools.

The Haven

A partnership between Piscataway Public Schools and Rutgers University's Center for Applied Psychology, The Haven was created to enhance student success and well-being. Located at PHS, The Haven provides comprehensive mental health assistance for students at all grade levels, and facilitates school engagement, academic success, and personal development.

Student Health Screenings

Screenings of height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing, scoliosis, and physical assessment are done for students at certain grade levels. School nurses offer informal health counseling and referrals for immunizations, and medical and dental services.

Yoga and Mindfulness

The practice of yoga and mindfulness is encouraged at every school, both within the classroom, during structured free time, or whenever students are in need.

District Student/Staff Wellness Committee

This committee, comprised of teachers, parents, students, and administrators, supports wellness activities throughout the district and in schools.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parent Organizations

Every Piscataway school has a parent organization to promote open communication between parents and staff, to support educational programs and extracurricular activities, and coordinate volunteer efforts for school activities.

Parent Workshops

Throughout the year, parent workshops are held in Piscataway Schools to offer information on a variety of topics, including assessments and testing, social media, college financial aid, STEM and technology, and more.

SEPA

The Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPA) meets throughout the year for updates on services and programs, and to support special education parents and extracurricular activities.

Grand Parents Association

An organization for grandparents and other guardians who are responsible for the education, health, and emotional well-being of students who are not their own children. The organization meets throughout the year to provide resources, training, and fellowship.

Breakfast with the Superintendent

Informal bi-monthly forums designed to maintain communication between the Superintendent of Schools and the parents and residents of Piscataway. Discussions focus on instruction, finance, testing, school policies, support services, and more.

Adult Classes

Adult Education classes are offered periodically throughout the year through Piscataway Community Education.

Family Literacy

Family Literacy programs, conducted through Piscataway READS, individual schools, and classes, bring families together to explore a love of reading and literature. Inquire with teacher or principal.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

ELL (English Language Learners)

Piscataway offers in-school services and after school and Saturday classes for ELL students and families. Students engage in academic and social programming, including "buddy programs" at all grade levels, while parents are offered language and citizenry lessons, help with the college application process, as well as job and career assistance.

Rutgers Future Scholars

A scholarship program for academically promising, first-generation, low-income students, offering honors classes, cultural events, career skills, and more. Students who successfully complete the five-year program will receive full tuition funding to Rutgers University.

Jump Ahead Academic Assistance

Jump Ahead is a personalized learning program for all students that combines digital learning with direct instruction to strengthen skills in math and literacy. Jump Ahead is offered on Saturdays and during the summer.

Jump Ahead Academic Enrichment

Jump Ahead Academic Enrichment offers students an opportunity to strengthen math and literacy skills, or sample course material for the following school year. Classes combine a personalized, web-based program with direct instruction.

Arts, Academic, and Sports Enrichment

Academic Enrichment classes cover a range of interest and skills, including music, robotics, science, sports, arts, crafts and more, after school and on Saturdays for grades PreK-8.

Tutoring

Small group and individual tutoring is available at all schools. Inquire with teacher or counselor.

PHS Writing Center

Open before and after school and staffed by PHS English teachers, the Writing Center can help with all stages of the writing process. No appointment necessary.

Planetarium

The newly renovated PHS Planetarium is open to children and adults for Saturday programs.