

Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship High School Transition

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It's not too early to start planning for high school. In fact, you should be thinking, planning and acting NOW!



The Process.....

- ❑ Determine what district you live in
 - ❑ If you live in PPS, what is your neighborhood school?
 - ❑ You cannot attend a school outside of your home district.
- ❑ Decide if you are going to your home school district
 - ❑ If yes, make sure your parent/guardian goes to the school to enroll you.
 - ❑ If not, begin to explore the various charter, private and parochial schools.



If you live in Penn Hills...

You have several options for High School.

They include:

- ❑ Penn Hills High School
 - ❑ [FORBES - exploratory program](#)
- ❑ Charter Schools
- ❑ Private/Parochial Schools



If you live in PPS...

- ❑ [Attend your neighborhood school](#)
- ❑ Charter, Private, Parochial Schools
- ❑ [Explore Magnet Schools](#)
 - ❑ CAPA - deadline to apply is October
 - ❑ Obama
 - ❑ Sci Tech
 - ❑ Allerdice Pre-Engineering

*Deadlines to apply for magnet schools is typically in December, unless otherwise noted.



If you live in Gateway...

- ❑ Gateway High School
 - ❑ [FORBES](#)
- ❑ Charter Schools
- ❑ Private/Parochial Schools



If you live in East Allegheny...

- ❑ East Allegheny High School
 - ❑ [FORBES - exploratory program](#)
- ❑ Charter Schools
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If you live in Woodland Hills...

- ❑ Woodland Hills High School
 - ❑ [FORBES](#)
- ❑ Charter Schools
- ❑ Private/Parochial Schools



If you live in New Kensington...

- ❑ Valley Jr. - Sr. High School
 - ❑ [Northern Westmoreland Career & Technology Center](#)
- ❑ Charter Schools
- ❑ Private/Parochial Schools



Charter Schools...

Charter Schools are an option for many students

Some local charter schools include:

- ❑ [City Charter High School](#)
- ❑ [Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School](#)
- ❑ [Propel Schools](#)
 - ❑ Andrews Street or Braddock Hills



Private/ Parochial Schools...

* Families pay tuition to attend a private or parochial school. However, aid may be offered.

Examples (there are more...):

- [Nazareth College and Career Prep \(formerly known as HFA\)](#)
- [Shady Side Academy Senior School](#)
- [Serra Catholic](#)
- [Trinity Christian School](#)
- [Imani Christian Academy](#)
- [Neighborhood Academy](#)
- [Redeemer Lutheran School](#)



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Examples (there are many more...):

- ❑ [Winchester Thurston School](#)
- ❑ [The Ellis School](#) (all girls school)
- ❑ [Oakland Catholic High School](#) (all girls school)
- ❑ [The Kiski School](#) (all boys school)
- ❑ [Central Catholic High School](#) (all boys school)



Charter, Private, Parochial Schools...

Things to be mindful of when applying for a charter, private or parochial school...

- Attendance
- Academics
- Behavior

Your attendance, behavior and academics will be reviewed prior to being accepted.



Process at PHCSE...

All students will be assigned a PHCSE case manager. The case manager will oversee the various stages leading up to 8th grade graduation (i.e. school choice application deadlines and enrollment).

Those staff include:

- Ms. Dickinson
- Mrs. Aron
- Mrs. Tritt
- Mrs. Titus
- Mr. Disalle



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Recommendations/Records...

In order to request a staff recommendation or records request, you must:

- ❑ Make the recommendation or records request **10 school days** before they are needed.
- ❑ Some schools prefer their own teacher recommendation form. If that is the case, that information must be submitted to the staff member of your choice **10 school days** prior to when it is needed
- ❑ Complete the recommendation request form
 - ❑ [Recommendation Form](#)
- ❑ Parent must sign the record release



PHCSE High School Information Fair...

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

6:00pm - 7:30pm

PHCSE Gymnasium

** Be thoughtful about the way you present yourself!

(dress, questions)



Schools that have confirmed... (subject to change)

Nazareth College and Career Prep

Penn Hills High School

FORBES

Pittsburgh Public Westinghouse

Propel Braddock Hills

Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School

Imani Christian Academy

Redeemer Lutheran School

Neighborhood Academy

City Charter

Trinity Christian Academy

Propel (Braddock Hills)

Oakland Catholic

Crossroads Foundation

Serra Catholic



Remember, the time is NOW
to plan for your high school career



When should I make a decision?



A timetable for when you should make your decisions...

- ❑ October → Have an idea of the schools you are interested in attending
- ❑ October-December → Meet with PHCSE case manager to discuss school options



When should I make a decision?

A timetable for when your decisions should be made
(continued)

- ❑ October- February → Complete all required applications by required deadline
 - ❑ This includes completing student recommendation forms and providing required information to staff
- ❑ February - May → Attend a “shadow day” at chosen school
- ❑ April- May → Inform your PHCSE case manager and Ms. Dickinson of your school choice for 9th grade



Questions?

Please be sure you have a conversation with your parents/guardians to ensure that you have the same plan for your high school transition.

