



Philadelphia Public School

PARENT CONNECTION

This publication contains information that helps parents be actively involved in their children's education.

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register my child for Philadelphia public school for the 2006-2007 school year??

Neighborhood schools have special hours during the summer for registration.

High schools and middle schools:

August 3-31 Hours: 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

High school students must accompany their parents to registration because students elect courses at that time.

Elementary schools, including kindergarten:

August 21-31 Hours: 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Who needs to register?

Philadelphia public school students who have moved to another city neighborhood over the summer; children new to Philadelphia; children transferring in from private, parochial and charter schools, and kindergarten students who were not pre-registered in the spring. Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2006 to be enrolled for the 2006-2007 school year..

What documents must be presented at registration?

Proof of the student's age, the family's current address and up-to-date immunizations. Parents also should bring the child's last report card and any other records that will help the District to place the child in the appropriate grade.

What are acceptable proofs of the student's age?

Some examples include a birth certificate, or a baptismal or other religious certificate containing the child's birth date.

What are acceptable proofs of the family's current residence?

Some examples include a voter registration card, a lease, or a utility bill sent to the new address.

What are acceptable proofs that the child's inoculations are up-to-date?

Some examples include a health passport, or a baby book containing the doctor's notes regarding inoculations.

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What school will my child attend?

A child is assigned to the neighborhood school. To determine which school serves a particular address, call your Regional Office (see Important Phone Numbers, or the listing on the District's web site, <http://sdp-webprod.phila.k12.pa.us/OnlineDirectory/Directory>.) You may also call the Ombudsman Call Center at 215-400-4000 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Can I enroll my child in a kindergarten program outside my neighborhood this fall?

You may visit your neighborhood elementary school and fill out an EH-36 (Request for Transfer) form. However, since schools must first accommodate children from the neighborhood, it is very possible that the kindergarten slots are full at the school you request for the 2006-2007 school year. For parents whose children will begin kindergarten in September 2007, and who wish to enroll their child for kindergarten in a school other than the neighborhood school, applications will be accepted beginning in October 2006, and the application deadline will be the Friday before Thanksgiving. Please see the description under "Voluntary Transfers" for more details.

Under what circumstances can I transfer my child out of the neighborhood school?

The School District has separate processes by which children may be transferred to schools other than their neighborhood schools:

Extenuating Circumstances

A parent may obtain from the neighborhood school a copy of the form EH-36E, fill it out and return it to the neighborhood school, along with documentation that: there is physical/psychological danger to the child in the current school; there is a School District Serious Incident report that justifies this move; there is a record of past efforts by the school and parents to remedy the situation, with valid documentation that other alternatives are not available; and the request is for the *current* school year.

School assignments will be made by the Regional Office. Parents cannot request a specific school. If a transfer is approved and accepted by the parent, the transfer is permanent unless the parent, at some point in the future, wants the child returned to the neighborhood school. A parent who is not informed of the results of the request within two weeks of submitting the completed and documented form to the home school should follow up by calling the Regional Office.

Persistently Dangerous Schools

Each year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania releases a list of persistently dangerous schools. Parents of children enrolled in a school on this list will receive written notice from the District and may apply any time during the school year for a transfer to another school not on the list. To apply, obtain form EH-36E from your child's school and indicate that your child attends a persistently dangerous school in the section entitled "Reason for Request." In the District, the highest priorities for transfers are children who have been victims or witnesses of criminal activity and who attend a school on the persistently dangerous school list. School assignments will be made by the Office of Student Placement. Parents may not request a specific school.

Voluntary Transfers

The District accepts applications for voluntary transfers, beginning in October and running through the Friday before Thanksgiving, for the next school year. Students, including English language learners and children with disabilities, may apply at this time to: voluntary desegregation program schools; special admission middle schools, and other elementary and middle schools within the School District of Philadelphia. Parents may obtain at the current school: copies of EH-38 forms, used to apply to special admission middle schools; or EH-36 forms, used to apply to desegregation program schools and/or other schools outside their neighborhoods.

High School Applications and Transfers

During the same fall period—October through the Friday before Thanksgiving—the District accepts High School Admissions applications from current 8th graders for their high school placements for the following year. At this time applications also are accepted from students in grades 9 through 11 for consideration for placement in high schools outside their neighborhoods, in citywide admission high schools and programs, and in special admission high schools. Current students may obtain the High School Admissions application from their school counselor. Students not enrolled in a District school may obtain a High School Admissions application from the Office of Student Placement.

For more information about extenuating circumstances transfers, persistently dangerous schools transfers, voluntary transfers and the high school application process, call the Office of Student Placement, 215-400-4290.

School Choice

The Federal No Child Left Behind law has established a school choice process for parents of children whose schools have been placed in "school improvement" status. In the School District of Philadelphia, parents from schools in any



level of “school improvement” receive a letter from the District in the fall explaining what this means. Then, the following January, the District mails postcards home, reminding parents of children in these schools that there will be a 4-5 week period, beginning in late January, during which they may file applications to transfer their children to any school on the School Choice transfer list. At this time, schools in “school improvement” send home parent packets that include: a cover letter; a schedule of information sessions for parents about this process; and the list of the schools which may be considered to receive School Choice transfers. There are no School District special admission or criteria-based programs or charter schools on this list. Parents obtain copies of transfer form EH-35C from the child’s current school, complete the form and return it to the current school by that year’s cutoff date. Filing a request does not guarantee that a transfer request will be approved. In accordance with the law, in considering requests for School Choice transfers the District gives highest priority to the lowest-achieving students from low-income families.

For more information about the NCLB School Choice transfer process, call the Title I Office, 215-400-4270.

My child has special needs. How can I have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) created for my child?

You must request, in writing, that your child be evaluated, and send that written request to the Regional Office (see “Important Phone Numbers”).

What is the process for home schooling a child?

To begin the process, contact your Regional Office (see “Important Phone Numbers”). The documents you will be asked to provide to complete this process include: a copy of the parent’s high school diploma; immunization records for the child; the proposed curriculum, and a signed and notarized affidavit.

How do I get a copy of my School District transcripts for college, or a copy of my School District records?

In order to obtain a copy of your transcripts, academic records or other items in your file—including birth verification—contact the Office of Student Records, 215-400-4780, and request a copy of form S-135. Complete and return the form according to instructions, along with the \$10.00 processing fee, to the Office of Student Records. Page 2 of form S-135 contains additional information about this process.

What are alternative discipline schools?

They are schools with structured environments, designed to teach students appropriate and responsible behavior. Parents cannot enroll their children in this program. Students are referred to alternative schools as a result of Code of Student Conduct Level 2 violations. Alternative discipline schools feature: a higher ratio of adult staff members to students; behavioral modification programs; additional support services for students and their families; and an academic program that is aligned with the standards of the School District of Philadelphia and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Can my child be barred from commencement exercises, a graduation trip and/or the prom?

Some students, due to their actions in and out of school, may lose the privilege of participating in commencement exercises, graduation trips, proms and other special activities. For more information on this topic, and the specific criteria, please refer to your child’s 2006-2007 school handbook or contact the school principal.

If I won’t be home at the time, can my child stay at the school after the school day ends?

Parents need to exercise responsibility for their children’s welfare and whereabouts after school. Make standing contingency arrangements with a relative or a neighbor to be used in case of an emergency. Make sure your child knows where to go after school if you or another responsible adult will not be at home after school hours.



The District has two programs for young men and women, age 17 to 21, who need additional credits to graduate.

Accelerated Program

This is for individuals who have earned *fewer than* 8 high school credits; who wish to return to school; and who wish to earn a regular School District diploma. Persons who meet these criteria should contact the principal at one of the following schools:

CADI

1225 Vine Street
215-561-0820

Excel Academy

6600 Bustleton Avenue
215-332-3101

Accelerated Learning Academy

1200 W. Allegheny Avenue
215-599-7525

In addition, **Fairhill Community High School**, 2820 N. 4th Street, has a diploma program for persons between the ages of 16 and 20 who have 13 or fewer credits. The telephone number is 215-423-1776.

Educational Options Program

This is for individuals who have earned *more than* 8 high school credits; who want to return to school; and who wish to earn a regular School District diploma. Persons who meet these criteria should contact the Educational Options Coordinator at one of these sites:

Bartram High School	215-492-6450
Edison High School	215-329-9599
Frankford High School	215-537-2519
Germantown High School	215-951-4004
Gratz High School	215-227-4408
Northeast High School	215-728-5018
Olney High School	215-456-3014
Overbrook High School	215-581-5507
South Phila. High School	215-952-6220
William Penn High School	215-684-5900

Adult Diploma Program

The Adult Diploma Program is for men and women who are 21 or older and want to earn a regular diploma. Before being accepted into the program, candidates must be legal residents of Pennsylvania, and demonstrate good reading, writing, and math skills. Refresher courses are available. For more information, contact the Center for Literacy, 636 S. 48th Street, 215-472-1235, or e-mail the Center at: inquiry@centerforliteracy.org

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

School District Ombudsman

215-400-4000

SAFE/Bully Hotline

215-400-SAFE (7233)

Regional Offices

The School District's Regional Offices are the appropriate places to which parents may take questions or concerns about certain issues pertaining to their children's education. They include **pending** parent requests for special needs evaluations and applications for certain student transfers: voluntary transfers, extenuating circumstances transfers and persistently dangerous school transfers.

The following are the Regional Offices, their addresses and telephone numbers, and the schools for which they are responsible.

Center City Region

Stoddart-Fleisher Building
540 Green St.
Telephone: 215-351-7375

High Schools / AVT Schools

Creative and Performing Arts; Benjamin Franklin; Franklin Learning Center; Masterman; Parkway Center City; National Constitution Center Partnership; and Science Leadership Academy.

Middle Schools

Masterman.

Elementary Schools

Arthur; Bache-Martin; Greenfield; Harrison; Jackson; Kearny; Ludlow; McCall; Meredith; Nebinger; Spring Garden; and Waring.

CEO Region

Strawberry Mansion – Hill Building
3133 Ridge Ave.
Telephone: 215-684-5132

High Schools / AVT Schools

University City; Olney East; and Olney West.

Middle Schools

Clemente.

Elementary Schools

Barry; Barry Annex; Barry at Shoemaker; Barry at Sulzberger; Blaine; Bluford; Douglass; Ferguson; Hill; McDaniel; Meade; Sheridan West; and Webster.

Central Region

Wanamaker School Building
1111 Cecil B. Moore Ave.
Ground Floor
Telephone: 215-684-8487

High Schools / AVT Schools

Gratz; Carver; Strawberry Mansion; Philadelphia Military Academy – Elverson; William Penn; Dobbins; and Vaux.

Middle Schools

None.

Elementary Schools

Ethel Allen; Cleveland; Clymer; Dick; Gideon; Morris; T. M. Peirce; Reynolds; M. H. Stanton; Steel; Walton; and Whittier.

Central East Region

Rivera Building
2603 N. 5th St., 5th Floor
Telephone: 215-291-5680

High Schools / AVT Schools

Bodine; Edison; Douglas; Kensington CAPA; Kensington Culinary Arts; and Kensington Business & Finance.

Middle Schools

AMY at James Martin; Conwell; and Jones.

Elementary Schools

Adaire; H. A. Brown; Cramp; DeBurgos; Elkin; Fairhill; Hackett; Hunter; Marin; McKinley; Moffet; Richmond; Sheppard; Sheridan; Welsh; and Willard.

East Region

Swenson Building
2750 Red Lion Road
Telephone: 215-961-2066

High Schools / AVT Schools

Frankford; Lincoln; and Swenson.

Middle Schools

Harding; Meehan; and Rush at Shallcross.

Elementary Schools

Ethan Allen; Bridesburg; J. H. Brown; Disston; H. R. Edmunds; Forrest; Holme; Hopkinson; Lawton; J. Marshall; Mayfair; Pollock; Smedley; Stearne; Sullivan; and Ziegler.



Closings for Inclement Weather

Announcements of school and administrative office closings, such as for inclement winter weather, are posted on the District's web site: www.phila.k12.pa.us. This posting usually occurs by 5 a.m. on the day of the closing. You may also check for closing status by calling 215-400-SNOW (7669). Closings also are announced on major local broadcast networks (television and radio).

EMO Region

Benjamin Franklin Building, Basement
550 N. Broad St.
Telephone: 215-299-3652

High Schools / AVT Schools

FitzSimons (all boys); King; W. S. Peirce; and Young Women's Leadership School at Rhodes (all girls).

Middle Schools

Barratt; FitzSimons (all boys); Gillespie; Lewis; W. S. Peirce; Penn Treaty; Pepper; Pickett; Shaw; Stetson; Sulzberger; Tilden; E. Vare; and Young Women's Leadership School at Rhodes (all girls).

Elementary Schools

Alcorn; Anderson; Bethune; Comegys; Duckrey; Dunbar; Fulton; Harrity; Hartranft; Huey; W. D. Kelley; Kenderton; Kinsey; Lea; Locke; McMichael; Pastorius; Potter-Thomas; Pratt; E. M. Stanton; A. Wilson; and Wright.

North Region

Grover Washington Jr. Building, 2nd Fl.
201 E. Olney Ave.
Telephone: 215-456-0998

High Schools / AVT Schools

Carroll; Fels; Girls'; and Mastbaum.

Middle Schools

Feltonville Academy of Arts and Sciences; and Grover Washington, Jr.

Elementary Schools

Barton; Birney; Carnell; Cayuga; Cooke; Creighton; Feltonville Intermediate; Finletter; Franklin; Lowell; T. Marshall; McClure; Morrison; Olney; and Taylor.

Northeast Region

FitzPatrick Building, Room 5
4101 Chalfont Drive
Telephone: 215-281-5903

High Schools / AVT Schools

Northeast; and G. Washington.

Middle Schools

Baldi; LaBrum; and W. Wilson.

Elementary Schools

Comly; Crossan; Decatur; Farrell; FitzPatrick; Frank; Greenberg; Hancock; Loesche; Moore; Rhawnhurst; Solis-Cohen; and Spruance.

Northwest Region

Leeds Building
1100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Telephone: 215-248-6684

High Schools / AVT Schools

Central; Germantown; Lankenau; Parkway NW; Philadelphia Military Academy – Leeds; and Saul.

Middle Schools

AMY Northwest; Hill-Freedman; Leeds; Roosevelt; and Wagner.

Elementary Schools

Day; F. S. Edmonds; Ellwood; Emlen; Fitler; Henry; Houston; Howe; J. S. Jenks; J. B. Kelly; Lingelbach; Logan; McCloskey; Pennell; Pennypacker; Prince Hall; Rowen; and Wister.

South Region

Monroe Building
427 Monroe Street
Telephone: 215-351-7445

High Schools / AVT Schools

Academy at Palumbo; Bok; Furness; Girard Academic Music Program; and South Philadelphia.

Middle Schools

None.

Elementary Schools

Bregy; Childs; Fell; Girard; A. S. Jenks; Key; Kirkbride; Sharswood; Smith; Southwark; Taggart; A. Vare; and G. Washington.

Southwest Region

6900 Greenway Ave.
Telephone: 215-727-5920

High Schools / AVT Schools

Bartram; Communications Technology; Motivation; Robeson; Sayre; West Philadelphia; and West Philadelphia Automotive Academy.

Middle Schools

Turner.

Elementary Schools

Bryant; Catharine; Catharine Annex; Hamilton; Harrington; Harrington Annex; Longstreth; Mitchell; Morton; Morton Annex; Patterson; Penn-Alexander; and Penrose.

West Region

4909 Chestnut St., 1st Floor
Telephone: 215-471-2271

High Schools / AVT Schools

Lamberton; Overbrook; Parkway West; Randolph Skills Center; Roxborough; and School of the Future (Microsoft).

Middle Schools

Beeber, and Middle Years Alternative School (MYA).

Elementary Schools

Blankenburg; Cassidy; Cook-Wissahickon; Daroff; Dobson; Drew; Gompers; Heston; Lamberton; Leidy; Levering; Mann; Mifflin; Overbrook Education Center; Overbrook Elementary; Powel; Rhoads; Shawmont; and M. Washington.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2006-2007

First Day

The first day of school for.... ...is

Grades 1 through 12

September 7

**Prekindergarten Head Start
and Bright Futures**

September 12

Kindergarten

September 14

2006

September 7

First day of school for pupils in
grades 1-12

September 12

First day of school for Prekindergarten
Head Start and Bright Futures pupils

September 14

First day of school for kindergarten
pupils

September 15

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

September 29

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

October 2

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Yom Kippur

October 9

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Columbus Day

October 27

Staff only—professional development
day

November 3

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

November 7

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

November 13

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Veterans' Day

November 23 and 24

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8

Schools dismiss 3
hours early for profes-
sional development

December 20 - 22

K-8 report card
conferences

December 25 - 29

Schools closed for Winter Recess
(reopen January 2, 2007)

2007

January 1

New Year's Day
Schools and administrative offices
closed for New Year's Day

January 12

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

January 15

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Martin Luther King's
Birthday

February 1 and 2

Staff only - professional development
days

February 19

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Presidents' Day

March 2

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

March 23

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

March 28 - 30

K-8 report card conferences

April 2 - 6

Schools closed – Spring Recess

April 6

Administrative offices closed – Good
Friday

April 13

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

May 4

Schools dismiss 3 hours early for
professional development

May 15

Staff only – professional development
day

May 28

Schools and administrative offices
closed for Memorial Day

June 19

Last day for pupils

June 20

Last day for staff (reorganization day)

Testing Schedule

The following are the testing periods
for the PSSA and TerraNova standard-
ized tests for 2006-2007:

2006

October 16 – 27

TerraNova Grades 3-10
reading, math and science

October 16 – 27

Supera (Spanish-language)
Grades 3-10
reading and math

October 23 – November 3

PSSA Grade 12
reading, math and writing retest

2007

February 12- 23

PSSA Grades 5, 8 and 11
writing

March 12 – 23

PSSA Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11
reading and math

March – April

PSSA Grades 3, 5, 8 and 11
low incidence assessment

April 16 – 27

TerraNova/Supera Grades 1 and 2
reading



There are several parent-driven organizations that serve Philadelphia public school parents.

The Philadelphia Home and School Council

This is the umbrella organization that connects the Home and School Associations at Philadelphia public schools. If your child's school does not have a Home and School Association, the Home and School Council can provide you and other parents with assistance in getting one started.

Contact: Greg Wade, President
 Telephone: 215-400-4080
 Website: www.phillyparents.org

PARENT TO PARENT



The Parent Leadership Academy (PLA)

The Parent Leadership Academy (PLA) helps parents develop their leadership and planning skills to encourage more active and in-depth parent participation in our schools and communities. The PLA is co-sponsored by the William Penn Foundation and the School District of Philadelphia.

Contact: Teresa Duncan, Parent Co-Chair
 Telephone: 215-400-5551
 PLA Centers: (Opening on September 7, 2006)



Academy at Palumbo
 12th and Catharine Streets
 215-351-7007

Meehan Middle School
 3001 Ryan Avenue (at Sandyford Road),
 215-335-5339

Cleveland Elementary School
 3701 N. 19th Street (north of Erie Avenue),
 215-227-4506

Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force

The Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force is a federally mandated, parent-led voluntary association of families, consumers, advocates, agencies, School District personnel and City officials. The primary focus of the Right to Education Task Force is to aid the School District in providing appropriate special education services and programs to students with cognitive disabilities.

Contact: Cathy Roccia-Meier, Chairperson
 Telephone: 215-400-5151
 Website: www.philadelphialtf.org

Head Start Parent Committees and Prekindergarten Head Start Policy Council

Parents of children enrolled in the School District of Philadelphia Head Start Program have a voice in policies and program issues through parent committees at each Head Start Center. At committee meetings, parents may contribute ideas, voice concerns, and become familiar with the program's policies and procedures. In addition, two parents from each center represent fellow parents on the District-wide Prekindergarten Head Start Policy Council. At monthly council meetings, participating parents help make policy decisions that benefit the families and children served by the program.

Contacts: Charmayne Thomas, Chairperson (through November 2006)
Denota Watson, Parent Involvement Coordinator
Telephone: 215-400-6212

PHOTO?

FAMILYNet IS HERE!

New on-line tool gives parents direct access to student information and instructional resources

Philadelphia public school parents now are able to check their children's educational progress on line through a new School District of Philadelphia initiative called FamilyNet.

FamilyNet is now available system-wide, serving the parents of approximately 182,000 students in all Philadelphia public schools.

The kinds of student information that a parent or guardian can review include: the student's enrollment and academic history; report cards; scores from the District's periodic benchmark tests, and the analysis of those scores; and scores from the PSSA and TerraNova standardized tests, and the analysis of those results.

In addition, one of the most exciting features of FamilyNet is that it provides instructional activities for parents and children, including individualized resources based on benchmark testing.

Throughout the 2006-2007 school year, the Office of Information Technology (IT) will continue to offer school-based parent workshops to help them take full advantage of FamilyNet.

Flyers containing instructions on how to access FamilyNet were sent home during March and April report card periods. Any parent who did not receive a flyer can get a user name and password by going to the following internet address: <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/parents/familynet/>

To log in to FamilyNet once you receive a username and password, go to <http://phila.schoolnet.com>.

To find out about low-cost computers and printers and affordable internet access, contact Jay Cohen at jabcohen@phila.k12.pa.us or call 215-400-5099.

For general questions about FamilyNet, contact Fran Newberg at fnewberg@phila.k12.pa.us or Gayle Enlow at genlow@phila.k12.pa.us or call 215-400-4420.

Step up and March Against Violence

On October 8, 2006, National Children's day, students, parents and District employees—joined by Mayor John F. Street and Governor Edward G. Rendell, corporate representatives and community members from every corner of Philadelphia—will participate in the School District of Philadelphia's inaugural "I Can, I Will...Step Up, Stop the Violence" march. As part of the City's ongoing effort to reduce and prevent violent crime, this event will be an opportunity to engage students, their families and the community as a whole in this fight.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the School District of Philadelphia's Crisis Fund. The crisis fund provides small cash grants to families who experience extraordinary hardship as a result of death, fire, illness, homelessness, or other tragedies, and do not have the financial resources to recover. One of just a few of its kind in the nation, the crisis fund recognizes the interrelationship between a student's classroom performance and the home environment.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the District's Education Center, 440 N. Broad Street, with free T-shirts distributed on a first-come first-served basis. The march, beginning at 1 p.m., will take the walkers south on Broad Street to Dilworth Plaza on the west side of City Hall. The post-event will include entertainment and a resource fair where students and parents can sign up for community activities.

For more information about the "I Can, I Will...Step Up, Stop the Violence" march, contact Robin Walker at 215-400-5399 or via email rdwalker@phila.k12.pa.us.

Parents: Your Resource, Right in Your Community

Community Builders

The School District of Philadelphia has assigned staff to neighborhoods across the city; their job is to connect schools, families and community members. These individuals are called Community Builders. Examples of the kinds of services they provide include: helping to establish parent volunteer initiatives; supporting parent organizations; connecting the District's central offices to parent concerns; organizing parent events; troubleshooting parent and family issues; and gathering information that indicates the levels of parent involvement.

The Community Builders work out of Regional Offices. Call the Regional Office nearest you and ask for the Community Builder. (See "Important Phone Numbers" for Regional Office listings.)

The School District of Philadelphia Accelerated Learning Programs 2006-2007



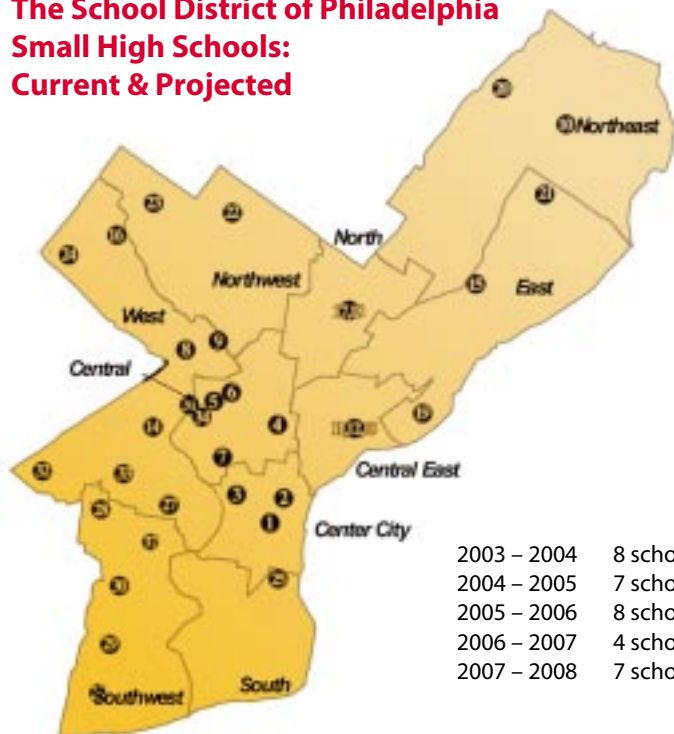
School Choice

The District has worked to create an unprecedented level of choice for students and parents. Through the small schools initiative, there will be 29 small college preparatory high schools with an enrollment of less than 700 students each this fall, including 15 select enrollment "magnet" high schools, for a total of 62 different high school options. Moreover, four new high schools will open their doors this fall: the Constitution Center High School, the Franklin Science Leadership Academy, the Academy at Palumbo, and the Microsoft School of the Future.

Philadelphia Charter Schools by Region 2006-2007



The School District of Philadelphia Small High Schools: Current & Projected



2003 – 2004	8 schools
2004 – 2005	7 schools
2005 – 2006	8 schools
2006 – 2007	4 schools
2007 – 2008	7 schools

The District has also approved 60 charter schools throughout the City, 55 of which will be fully operational in 2006-2007.

The District is also growing the academic opportunities available to students at all levels. A record 64 accelerated program offerings will be offered in elementary, middle, and high schools. In addition, an expected 1,200 high school students will participate in the Dual Enrollment Program this year. Through partnerships with 12 universities and colleges, the Dual Enrollment Program enables students to earn up to a year of college credits while simultaneously completing their high school diploma. Finally, every high school in the District will offer advanced placement courses.

- 1 Parkway Center City
- 2 National Constitution Center HS
- 3 Science Leadership Academy
- 4 Phila. Military Academy at Elverson
- 5 Fitz Simon
- 6 Rhodes
- 7 Vaux
- 8 Ninth Grade Academy at Pierce
- 9 High School for Law
Democracy and Civic Engagement
- 10 Shallcross
- 11 Kensington CAPA
- 12 Kensington Business
- 13 Kensington Culinary
- 14 Shoemaker
- 15 Military Academy TBA
- 16 Pickett
- 17 Olney East
- 18 Olney West
- 19 Carroll
- 20 Rush
- 21 Northeast
- 22 Phil. Military Academy at Leeds
- 23 NW Parkway HS
- 24 Lankenau
- 25 Academy at Palumbo
- 26 Communications Technology
- 27 Paul Robeson HS for Human Serv.
- 28 Sayre
- 29 Motivation
- 30 Phila. HS for Business and Tech.
- 31 Randolph
- 32 Lamberton
- 33 Parkway West
- 34 High School of the Future

A Message from the SRC Chairman and the CEO

The 2006-2007 school year will be an exciting one for Philadelphia public school students and their parents, teachers and principals. For the fourth year in a row, system-wide scores on the PSSA test are up, and for the third year in a row, the District has a balanced operating budget. That means we are getting off to a very good start.

The new school year will bring a number of important innovations, not the least of which is the opening of four new high schools. Four years ago, we promised that we would expand educational options for students and parents. The opening of the Academy at Palumbo, the Science Leadership Academy, the National Constitution Center High School and the School of the Future indicates that we have taken this promise seriously, and have delivered on it.

Thanks to the commitment of Governor Edward G. Rendell, Speaker of the House John Perzel and the members of the Pennsylvania legislature, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's new operating budget helps us to continue and expand major initiatives that are making a difference for student achievement.

Now, we are in a position to have a wonderful opening to the new school year. To assist parents in supporting their children's education, we are providing them with key information in this publication. For more information, including additional back to school-related details, please visit the School District of Philadelphia's web site, www.phila.k12.pa.us.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement as we move on to the next phase of transforming Philadelphia's public schools.



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