At the Pittsburgh Public Schools, we are committed to our vision of **Excellence for All**. This means preparing all children to achieve academic excellence and strength of character, so that they can pursue their passion and be prepared to receive scholarships through The Pittsburgh Promise.

The Pittsburgh Promise is a community commitment to help students and families plan, prepare and pay for continuing education after high school. The Pittsburgh Promise inspires and motivates students to “Dream Big” and “Work Hard” by providing scholarships to more than 100 qualifying colleges or technical/trade schools in Pennsylvania.

The work of preparing students for success after graduation must begin early and be reinforced at each grade level. During the past three years, the District has put into place core elements for raising student achievement:

- A new rigorous curriculum;
- The use of interim assessments to get help quickly to students;
- Instructional coaches in every building; and
- Aggressive, comprehensive and ongoing professional development to ensure quality classroom instruction.

Our goal is to make sure that all students are “Promise-Ready” and on course to graduate so that they can take advantage of The Pittsburgh Promise. To support this goal, a new program, “Pathways to the Promise,” will be available at all schools to better monitor and communicate student progress at important learning transitions such as 3rd grade, 6th grade and 9th grade.

The Pittsburgh Promise is a big idea that has the potential to have a significant impact on the community by better preparing students to be successful in life. Working together, all of us—school staff, students, families and community—can advance student achievement and improve the life prospects of all students. We can achieve **Excellence for All**.

![Non-Profit Organization](image)
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### Welcome Back to School Event Schedule

#### Week of Aug. 31, 2009

- **K–5, K–8, 6–8, 6–12, High and Special Schools**
- **2009–2010 School Year Calendar**

#### Parent/Teacher Conference Day

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 1, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 2, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 7, 2009**
  - Labor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2009**
  - Vacation Day
- **Oct. 12, 2009**
  - High/Special Schools – Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- **Oct. 15, 2009**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - Elementary/Middle Schools – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

#### First Day of School:

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Teachers
- **Sept. 3, 2009**
  - Gr. 1–12 Students
- **Sept. 10, 2009**
  - Kindergarten Students

#### Last Day of School:

- **June 16, 2010**
  - Students
- **June 18, 2010**
  - Teachers

#### Report Card Dates:

- **November 25, 2009**
  - First Quarter
- **February 9, 2010**
  - Second Quarter
- **April 22, 2010**
  - Third Quarter
- **June 23, 2010**
  - Fourth Quarter

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### Accelerated Learning Academies

#### 2009–2010 School Year Calendar

**Special Note:** A revised calendar for Accelerated Learning Academies was approved by the Board of Public Education. The school year has been shortened by 2 days.

#### Welcome Back to School Event Schedule

- **Week of Aug. 24, 2009**
  - Look for more information from your school in August.

#### First Day of School:

- **Aug. 17, 2009**
  - Teachers
- **Aug. 24, 2009**
  - Gr. 1–8 Students
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Kindergarten Students

#### No School for Students:

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 1, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 2, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 7, 2009**
  - Labor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2009**
  - Vacation Day
- **Oct. 12, 2009**
  - Elementary/Middle Schools – Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- **Oct. 15, 2009**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - Elementary/Middle Schools – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

#### No School for Students:

- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Kindergarten Students
- **Aug. 24, 2009**
  - Gr. 1–8 Students
- **Aug. 17, 2009**
  - Teachers

#### First Day of School:

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 1, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 2, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 7, 2009**
  - Labor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2009**
  - Vacation Day
- **Oct. 15, 2009**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - Elementary/Middle Schools – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

#### First Day of Second Semester:

- **Feb. 3, 2010**
  - Second Semester Begins

#### Last Day of School:

- **June 16, 2010**
  - Students
- **June 18, 2010**
  - Teachers

#### Report Card Dates:

- **November 25, 2009**
  - First Quarter
- **February 9, 2010**
  - Second Quarter
- **April 22, 2010**
  - Third Quarter
- **June 23, 2010**
  - Fourth Quarter

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### Early Childhood

#### 2009–2010 School Year Calendar

#### Welcome Back to School Event Schedule

- **Week of Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Look for more information from your school in August.

#### First Day of School -- Preschool/Early Intervention

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Teachers
- **Sept. 3, 2009**
  - Child Phase-In
- **Sept. 4, 2009**
  - Preschool Students (Full-Day)
- **Sept. 4, 2009**
  - Early Intervention Students

#### No School for Students:

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 1, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 2, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 7, 2009**
  - Labor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2009**
  - Vacation Day
- **Oct. 15, 2009**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - District Elementary/Middle Schools Parent/Teacher Conference Day

#### First Day of School:

- **Aug. 17, 2009**
  - Teachers
- **Aug. 24, 2009**
  - Gr. 1–8 Students
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Kindergarten Students

#### No School for Students:

- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Kindergarten Students
- **Aug. 24, 2009**
  - Gr. 1–8 Students
- **Aug. 17, 2009**
  - Teachers

#### First Day of School:

- **Aug. 27, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 28, 2009**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Aug. 31, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 1, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 2, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Sept. 7, 2009**
  - Labor Day
- **Sept. 28, 2009**
  - Vacation Day
- **Oct. 15, 2009**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - District Elementary/Middle Schools Parent/Teacher Conference Day

#### First Day of Second Semester:

- **Feb. 3, 2010**
  - Second Semester Begins

#### Last Day of School:

- **June 16, 2010**
  - Preschool/Early Intervention Students
  - Teachers and Assistants

#### Additional Program Dates:

- **Aug. 25–26, 2009**
  - Preschool Home Visits (Optional)
- **Oct. 15, 2009** (PM only)
  - Conferences/Home Visits
- **Oct. 16, 2009**
  - Conferences/Home Visits
- **Nov. 3, 2009**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Nov. 11, 2009**
  - Veterans Day
- **Nov. 26–Nov. 27, 2009**
  - Thanksgiving Vacation
- **Dec. 24, 2009–Jan. 1, 2010**
  - Winter Vacation
- **Jan. 18, 2010**
  - Dr. King Day
- **Feb. 1, 2010**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Day
- **Feb. 2, 2010**
  - Staff Prof. Development Day
- **Mar. 26, 2010**
  - Early Dismissal - Half Day
- **Mar. 29–April 2, 2010**
  - Spring Vacation
- **May 31, 2010**
  - Memorial Day
- **June 17–18, 2010**
  - Staff Clerical/Organization Days

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