



Peekskill City School District
A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome parents and guardians to a new school year. As the Principal of Peekskill High School, it is my priority to create a safe, warm and nurturing school environment for students and staff, which will allow students to achieve excellence.

To achieve this goal, we have a number of activities planned for students to address the culture of our school and outline expectations and procedures. Moreover, we will strictly enforce the rules regarding the dress code and electronic devices outlined in the Code of Conduct approved by the Board of Education.

Please know that electronic devices can only be used by students during their lunch period in the cafeteria. While we understand that electronic devices are valued by students, they can serve as a major distraction and interrupt their learning and the learning of others. Students are also encouraged to come to school dressed wearing appropriate school attire. Flip flops are not permitted because of safety concerns. We ask that you discuss these expectations with your child before they enter school [on September 6](#).

In the coming days, you will receive a packet with important documents regarding the opening of school, *Code of Conduct and Dignity for All Student Act*, *Parent Portal*, *Student Acceptable Use Policy – Technology*, *Off-Campus Permission Form (11th and 12th graders ONLY)*, *Meal Program Application* and *Attendance Policy*. We ask that you review the material carefully. The cover letter informs you which documents must be signed and returned, as well as which papers you are expected to keep for your records.

As I close, I leave you with one of my favorite quotes by Nelson Mandela, *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”* By working in partnership, we will support the needs and goals of students, build their confidence, provide them with encouragement and assist them as they work through various challenges experienced by high school students. I encourage our entire school community to embrace the idea of collective ownership of our students. This approach will make certain they achieve excellence. Let’s have a great 2016-17 school year!

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Sincerely,

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