

# STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024 - 2025



## PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL

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The Board of Education recognizes that to govern effectively, it must clearly define why the district exists and what it aspires to be. The Board therefore adopted the following mission statement on February 6, 2018 to convey the district's purpose and vision to set forth what the district should strive to become in the future.

### **OUR MISSION:**

...is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

### **WE BELIEVE THAT:**

- all people can learn, contribute and have value
- embracing and understanding cultural diversity is imperative to strengthening and enriching a school community
- when a school community provides a respectful, safe, supportive, resource-rich environment, people thrive and meet their goals
- a school district excels when strong partnerships exist among families, schools and community
- educating the whole child will develop life-long learners who are compassionate, confident, critical thinkers
- a school district is responsible for aligning and carrying out the conditions for learning, leadership and commitment

## **PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Jenna Ferris - Principal  
Dr. Naima Smith - Assistant Principal  
Mr. Christian Zambrano - Assistant Principal  
Mr. Christian Cabral - Assistant Principal

## **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. David Mauricio - Superintendent of Schools  
Eudes Budhai - Assist. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Grades 6 – 12  
Dr. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez - Assist Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Grades Pre K - 5  
Jamal Lewis - Assist. Superintendent for Administrative Services and Grants  
Cynthia Hawthorne - Assist. Superintendent for Business  
Laura Belfiore - Director of Communications  
Carmine Crisci - Director of Facilities  
Dr. Margie Daniels - Administrator of Equity and Diversity  
TBD - Director for Multi Language Learners  
Austin Goldberg - Director of Athletics/Physical Education/Health  
Ellen Gerace - Director of Special Services  
Dr. Kern Mojica - Director of STEAM  
Dr. Ahunna Okoma - Director of Grants, Data and Accountability  
Maria Olivier Flores - Director of LEAP  
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Dr. Melanie Roman - Director of Early College Programs  
David Santiago - Director of Security  
Glenda Sanchez - Director of Special Education Instruction  
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## **PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT LEADERS**

Christine Buckman - Special Education  
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TBD - World Language

## 2024 - 2025

### PCSD CALENDAR DATES

Aug. 28, 29	Tuesday, Wednesday – Superintendent’s Conference Days
Sep. 2	Friday, Monday – Labor Day Recess - Schools closed
Sep. 3	Tuesday – Grade 9 & 10 Orientation
Sep. 4	Wednesday - Grade 11 & 12 Orientation
Sep. 5	Thursday - Full Day for All Students
Oct. 3, 4	Thursday, Friday - Rosh Hashanah - School closed
Oct. 14	Monday - Columbus Day - School closed
Nov. 7	Tuesday - Superintendent’s Conference Day
Nov. 5	Friday - Veteran’s Day – Schools closed
Nov. 27 - 29	Wednesday-Friday-Thanksgiving Recess - Schools closed
Dec. 23 - 31	Monday - Tuesday - Holiday Recess – Schools closed
Jan. 1	Wednesday - Holiday Recess – Schools closed
Jan. 2	Thursday – Classes resume
Jan. 20	Monday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools closed
Jan. 29	Wednesday - Asian Lunar New Year - Schools closed
Feb. 17 - 21	Monday -Friday - President’s Day/Winter Recess–Schools closed
Mar. 31	Eid al-Fitr – Superintendent’s Conference Day= Schools closed
Apr. 14-18	Monday - Friday - Spring Recess - Schools closed
May 23, 26	Friday, Monday - Memorial Day Recess – Schools closed
June 19	Thursday - Juneteenth - Schools closed
June 27	Friday - Last day of School

## **PHS IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES**

Sept. 3	Tuesday – Grade 9 & 10 Orientation		
Sept. 4	Wednesday - Grade 11 & 12 Orientation		
Sept. 5	Thursday - All Grades (9th - 12th Grades)		
Sept 7	Robotics Kickoff		
Sep 12	Back to School Night		6:30 p.m.
Sep 20	PHS Take your child to School Day		
Sep 23	Guidance Senior College Night	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Sep 23 -27	Fall Spirit Week		
Oct 10	Sophomore Guidance Night	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Oct 21	Senior Pano Group Photo Depew Park		
Oct 22	PSAT - Grades 10-11 only		8:00 a.m.
Oct 22	College Application Workshops – Seniors only		9:00 a.m.
Oct 22	Freshman Class Trip - Grade 9 only		
Oct 28	Financial Aid Information Session	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Oct 30	Freshman Guidance Night	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Nov 7	College, Career, Trade Fair		
Nov 14	Latino U - Financial Aid Night		5:30 p.m.
Nov 14	Junior College Night	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Nov 21-23	PHS Drama Performance		
Dec 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences		5:30 p.m.
Dec 19	College & HBCU Roundtable Discussion Jr.		1:00 p.m.
Dec 18-22	Spirit Week		
Jan 9	Winter Concert		
Jan 21-24	January Regents		
Feb 6	8th Grade Transition Night		6:30 p.m.

Feb 8	Robotics Event		
Feb 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences		5:30 p.m.
May 1-3	Spring Musical		
May 5-16	College Board AP Exams		
May 12-23	NYSESLAT Exams		
May 20, 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Honor Celebration/Awards	Auditorium	9:00 a.m.
May 29	Spring Concert		
June 5	Honor Society Inductions	Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
Jun 11	Geometry Regents		
Jun 12	Last Day of Classes		
Jun 12	Prom		
Jun 17- 26	NYS Regents Exams		
Jun 23	Senior Awards	Paramount	6:30 p.m.
Jun 27	Class of 2025 Commencement	County Center	7:00 p.m.

## PHS BELL SCHEDULE

Professional Activities 7:40 – 8:15	Professional Activities 8:40 – 9:10	Professional Activities 9:40 – 10:10	Professional Activities 10:40 – 11:10
Daily Schedule	One-Hour Delay	Two-Hour Delay	Three-Hour Delay
1 8:15 – 9:00	1 9:20 – 9:54	1 10:10 – 10:39	3 11:10 – 11:40
2 9:03 – 9:43	2 9:57 – 10:31	2 10:42 – 11:11	4 11:43 – 12:13
3 9:46 – 10:26	3 10:34 – 11:08	3 11:14 – 11:43	5 12:16 – 12:46
4 10:29 – 11:09	4 11:11 – 11:45	4 11:46 – 12:15	6 12:49 – 1:19
5 11:12 – 11:52	5 11:48 – 12:22	5 12:18 – 12:47	7 1:22 – 1:52
6 11:55 – 12:35	6 12:25 – 12:59	6 12:50 – 1:19	8 1:55 – 2:25
7 12:38 – 1:18	7 1:02 – 1:36	7 1:22 – 1:51	9 2:28 – 2:58
8 1:21 – 2:01	8 1:39 – 2:13	8 1:54 – 2:23	
9 2:04 – 2:44	9 2:16 – 2:50	9 2:26 – 2:55	
Call Back 2:44–3:00	Call Back 2:50–3:00	Call Back 2:55–3:00	

## BOCES TECH CENTER SCHEDULE

<u>Leave PHS</u>	<u>Arrive Tech Ctr.</u>	<u>Leave Tech Ctr.</u>	<u>Arrive PHS</u>
7:20 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:33 a.m.
9:20 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:33 p.m.
11:20 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:33 p.m.

# GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

## **BUS RIDER RULES**

Students should be on time at the designated bus stops and should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter. While on the bus, students should keep hands and heads inside the bus at all times. Remember that loud talking and laughing divert the driver's attention and make safe driving difficult. Horseplay is not permitted around or on the school bus. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus. Please refer to the Peekskill City School District Website for additional bus information under the Board approved Code of Conduct.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to be in school every day that school is in session. Notes signed by a parent or guardian are required for any absence or lateness. Absence notes are to be given to the attendance office on the day the student returns. Late notes should be turned in to the attendance office upon arrival.

If a student needs to leave early for a scheduled appointment, a written note from the parent/guardian must be provided clearly noting date, time, and reason for early dismissal. The note should be handed to the attendance office upon arrival. The attendance office can be reached at (914) 737-0201 ext. 3520 if a parent/guardian needs to pick up their child early and has not provided a note. **Only students with parent/guardian permission are permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day.** Any student who chooses to leave without parent/guardian permission may face disciplinary action.

## **AUTOMOBILES**

Only vehicles with a Peekskill High School parking permit are permitted to park in the high school parking lots. **Students' cars parked in the lot without a permit may be towed at the owner's expense.** No reckless driving will be permitted in or around the school. Students may not go to their vehicles during school hours unless they have been granted permission.

## **ATTIRE**

The goal of the student dress code is to allow students to dress in a manner which allows them to express themselves and maintain a conducive learning environment. The dress code has been revised to eliminate gender-specific terms to respect their individuality. All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and at school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance, ensuring dress is safe and appropriate. Teachers and all other district personnel should exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting.

**As per district policy, the following dress code will be enforced:**

A student's dress, grooming and appearance will ensure the following:

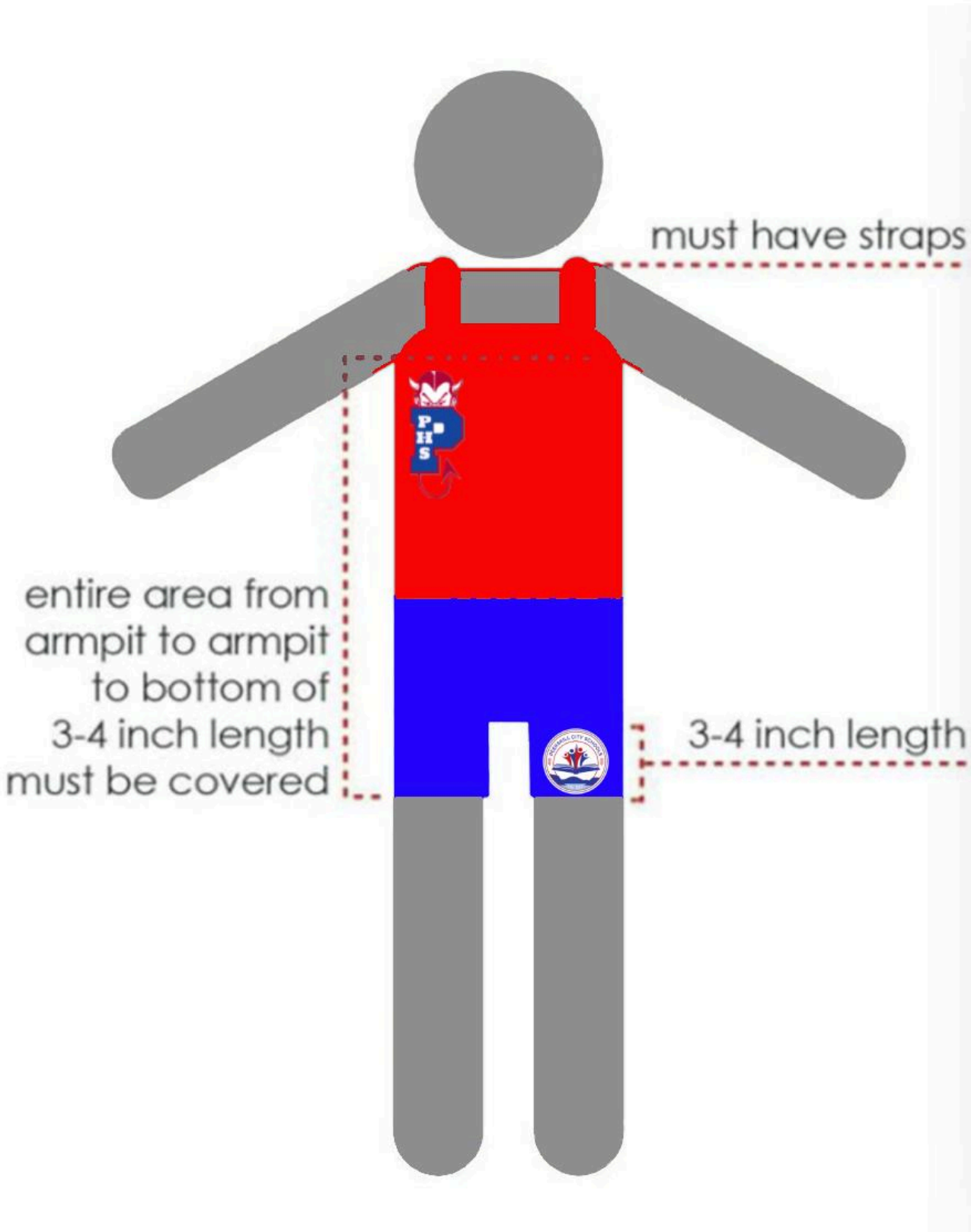
1. Be safe and appropriate for school.
2. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed (e.g., flip flops).
3. Clothing and other articles which are revealing are prohibited. These might include, but are not limited to, clothing that does not cover the midriff, clothing that is see-through or partially transparent.
4. Clothing which promotes inappropriate products or activities prohibited by school policies or that is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption in the school is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, t-shirts and other clothing that displays, promotes, or endorses profanity, illegal organizations, and/or gang identity, violent activities, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or substances.
5. Clothing including jewelry will be considered inappropriate if it contains obscenity, is libelous, or denigrates others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected class.
6. Headgear of any kind including, but not limited to hats, caps and hoods may not be worn in school, with the exception of headgear for religious or medical purposes or hats where permitted by building administrators. **\*\*\*PHS will permit hats that do not cover the face. All other head gear will not be permitted except for religious purposes.**
7. Hair style that contains an inappropriate graphic design or language is prohibited.
8. Accessories that are capable of being used as a weapon are not allowed. (e.g., one ring that covers multiple fingers, spiked necklaces or belts, belts with large removable buckles, heavy and/or large neckwear, martial arts gear, chain link wallets, and key rings).

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit the ability of students to wear clothing that allows them to express their gender identity, or to discipline students for doing so.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline as per the Code of Conduct. ***Please refer to the PCSD website under district resources and media to read the PCSD code of conduct including the dress code.***



*Please use the image below as a reference*



## CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is available for your comfort and convenience beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students are responsible for discarding their own trash and express a general sense of care and respect for the kitchen and cafeteria. Food and beverage may not be taken out of the cafeteria unless the student is meeting with a clinician or counselor and has a pass. Behavior which threatens the safe and orderly operation of the cafeteria will be addressed via the code of conduct. Students are only allowed in the cafeteria during their scheduled lunch period. Students **must** swipe their ID badge to gain access to the cafeteria.

## CLOSED BUILDING/CAMPUS

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors are not permitted to leave the building/campus during the school day. Seniors must submit a signed contract by October 1st and be in good academic and behavioral standing. If approved, Seniors may only leave during their assigned lunch period. **Seniors are not permitted to bring food back into the building for themselves or their friends.** Senior privileges may be revoked if seniors do not remain in good standing and follow all off campus lunch privilege rules. **Students are not permitted to have food delivered to the building by a delivery service, family or friends.** *If a student has a food delivery of any type it will be held in the main office until the end of the day.*

## CLOSING OF SCHOOL (AND SNOW DAYS)

In case stormy weather necessitates the closing of school or postponement of starting time, the announcement will be made through an all call, the district website and on local news stations. If school is to be dismissed before the normal dismissal time because of storm conditions or other emergencies, the announcement will be made through an all call, the district website and on local news stations or social media outlets. Please refer to the delayed bell schedule for start times..

## COMPUTER UTILIZATION POLICY/CHROMEBOOKS

The Board of Education of the City School District of Peekskill has adopted a policy regarding the utilization of computer hardware and software within the school district. Students are expected to adhere to and follow the policy in their utilization of hardware and software. Students are required to read and sign the policy statement acknowledging their awareness of the policy and intent to accept and follow the policy. Each student will receive a district issued chromebook which they are responsible for. Chromebooks should be charged overnight and brought to school each day. Seniors who do not return a chromebook or pay any chromebook fines may not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Broken or misplaced chromebooks should be reported to the technology department at PHS.

## DISCIPLINE

School officials must consult the Code of Conduct when determining an appropriate disciplinary intervention and/or consequence. In addressing inappropriate behaviors, it is necessary to evaluate all of the circumstances surrounding the behavior in order to determine the least punitive response that would properly address the inappropriate behavior. All individuals involved in the incident (including witnesses) must be interviewed by an administrator or designee. ***Please refer to the PCSD website under district resources and media to read the PCSD code of conduct.***

## **FUNDRAISING**

All fundraising projects must be approved by building administration. Tickets or articles of any kind, other than those associated with school-sponsored activities, are not to be sold on school property by students or outside organizations.

## **STUDENT ID CARDS/SCHOLARCHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

All students will be issued an ID Card that **MUST** be worn at **ALL TIMES** during the school day. ID Cards will be used for student entry into the building and access to designated areas of the building. ID cards will also be used to support student attendance and hallway transitions. Students must present their ID Card to staff when asked. The ID Cards will be monitored by the Scholarchip Management System and will feature an electronic chip inside the card. Students **CANNOT** punch a hole in the ID card. Students must utilize the lanyard provided so that their ID card is visible at all times. If the ID Card is lost, damaged or stolen, the student should immediately notify an administrator to obtain a replacement card. Students who do not comply with the ID card safety procedures may receive disciplinary action.

## **LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER**

The library/media center offers curriculum-based information and resources. Students may use the library during lunch or study hall with a pass. Students entering the library must use it for academic purposes. If students are not completing work or studying they will be asked to leave the library. Students must display their ID badge to have access to the library/media center.

## **LOCKERS**

The lockers are the property of the Peekskill City School District, which may conduct unannounced searches periodically. Lockers should be kept locked in order to prevent loss. Students should not store expensive items in their lockers. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property.. Students may utilize their hallway lockers before class. Students will not be given passes to their lockers during class time. Hallway lockers will have a school keyed combination lock.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Any student who has lost or believes his/her property has been stolen, is personally required to report this to the security office. The lost and found is located in the security office on the second floor.

## **NURSE**

If a student wishes to go home because of illness, he/she must go first to the nurse's office. The nurse's office also provides first aid and emergency treatment, but cannot administer medication without written permission from the student's doctor. Students are not permitted to take medication in school unless they have a doctor's note on file in the nurse's office.

## PROM

The senior prom is a culminating event for seniors in good academic and behavioral standing. The event is hosted by the senior class under the direction of building administration. **Students who are failing courses needed for graduation may not be permitted to attend the prom.** Additionally, **students with behavioral infractions during the school year may not be permitted to attend the prom.** Students with excessive absences may not be permitted to attend prom. Seniors are permitted to bring **one** guest to the prom and must submit the proper paperwork by the required deadline. The guest may be a PHS junior in good academic, attendance and behavioral standing or a student who is one year removed from Peekskill High School and was in good standing when they attended PHS. Outside guests are permitted to attend the PHS prom and must have the paperwork signed by their current or former high school. Outside guests may only be juniors, seniors or one year removed from high school. **Freshman and Sophomores are not permitted to attend prom.** **All guests must be approved by the building administration.** Students must attend the mandatory prom meeting in order to attend the event. Parents and students must sign the prom contract and return it by the due date to be eligible for prom. Students are required to ride the charter bus to and from the prom venue. The prom is considered a school event, all school rules and regulations apply during the event, students who do not follow the code of conduct, are in violation of the prom contract and/or guidelines may face disciplinary consequences and may not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony.

## SAFETY DRILLS

Students must adhere to all safety protocols during any safety drill. Drills include but are not limited to fire, lockdown, lockout and shelter or hold in place. During any of these drills students must listen to instructions and follow all safety procedures. During fire drills, everyone must leave the building and remain outside at a distance of at least fifty feet from the building. During lockdown drills students must remain in the safety zone of the location they are in. No one will be permitted back into the building until the all-clear signal sounds.

**\*Students who are involved in pulling any alarm or dialing 911 will be subject to disciplinary consequences as per the code of conduct.**

## STUDY HALLS

Study halls are scheduled periods on the student's program. Study halls should be used as a time to prepare, review and/or study subject matter. A limited number of passes may be issued by the study hall teacher for students to visit the guidance office, library and/or a subject teacher who has given prior permission. Attendance in study halls is **mandatory** and follows the same district attendance policy.

## SUSPENSION

Suspended students may not participate in extra-curricular activities or athletics. Suspended students are not permitted on school grounds including athletic fields and events. Students placed on suspension are required to attend Hass's Way unless other arrangements are provided. Suspended students must come to Hass's Way prepared to complete the work provided by their teachers. Failure to show up or do the work may result in a failing grade. Students are responsible for any work missed while out on suspension.

## **TEXTBOOKS/INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT/CHROMEBOOKS**

Textbooks are provided by the City School District of Peekskill. Students are expected to take good care of them. Students will be fined for any damages not included in normal wear for books. A lost book must be paid for before another is issued unless an exception is made by administration. Chromebooks are the responsibility of each student, any damage to the device will result in a fine. If a chromebook is lost or misplaced, the student is responsible to pay for a new device. It is the student's responsibility to account for all textbooks, workbooks, library materials, chromebooks and other school equipment/materials issued for course work. Failure to pay any accrued fines or return books, equipment or chromebooks may result in a student not being able to participate in graduation.

## **VISITORS**

The school policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. Guests and visitors must display a picture I.D. before entering the building. They will be required to sign the visitor's register and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school or school grounds. Only parents/guardians listed on the PHS student management system will be permitted to speak with a student or receive information about a student.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **GRADUATION**

Students must complete all Peekskill District and New York State requirements to qualify for graduation and participate in commencement exercises. Students must clear all school indebtedness before participating in commencement exercises. Although early graduation is not encouraged, there are instances in which it is desirable. See your guidance counselor for details.

### Graduation Requirements

Regents Diploma		Advanced Regents Diploma		Peekskill HS	
4	English	4	English	4	English
4	Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4	Social Studies
3	Math	3	Math	4	Math
3	Science	3	Science	4	Science
1	LOTE (Foreign Language)	3	LOTE (Foreign Language)	4	LOTE (Foreign Language)
1	Art/Music	1	Art/Music	4	Art/Music
0.5	Health	0.5	Health	0.5	Health
2	PE	2	PE	2	PE
3.5	Electives	1.5	Electives	1.5+	Electives
22	Total	22	Total	22+	Total

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Celebration Process - Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 students will receive certificates in recognition of high honor roll and honor roll achievement. No in person ceremonies will take place for Quarter 1 & Quarter 2. Quarter 3 Honor Roll & Award Recognition - students and families will receive an invitation to an in person ceremony to recognize their excellence in academic achievements for the entire school year.

## HIGH HONOR ROLL

To be eligible for the Principal's High Honor Roll, a student must maintain a minimum average of 90%. Students with failures or an incomplete in any subject, including Physical Education, are automatically disqualified.

## HONOR ROLL

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain a minimum average of 85%. Students with failures or an incomplete in any subject, including Physical Education, are automatically disqualified.

### Scholastic Awards Honor Roll Medals

Based on a minimum of 85% average for the following:

BRONZE MEDAL- Honor Roll Placement for 3 Quarters

SILVER MEDAL- Honor Roll Placement for 7 Quarters

GOLD MEDAL- Honor Roll Placement for 11 Quarters

GOLD SCHOLAR MEDAL- Honor Roll Placement for 13 Quarters

## NAVIANCE

A college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to post-secondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life. Please contact your school counselor for additional information or questions regarding Naviance.

## COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

For information about college visits, scholarships and financial aid students can stop by room 317 or email Ms. Gordineer for an appointment. Throughout the year we have several college representatives that come to PHS to meet with students during the day. Students should check their email and naviance accounts for scholarship information and college rep visits.

## COLLEGE BOARD TESTS DATES

October 5, 2024	SAT Exam	March 8, 2025	SAT Exam
October 22, 2024	PSAT/NMSQT*	May 3, 2025	SAT Exam
November 2, 2024	SAT Exam	June 7, 2025	SAT Exam
December 7, 2024	SAT Exam		

**\*Please note - the PSAT/NMSQT is a digital exam. All students are required to bring in their Chromebooks the day of the exam.**

*Please note the College Board is separate from Peekskill High School. Students must sign up for exams through the College Board Website. Please contact your school counselor for additional information regarding the College Board.*

2024-2025

PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CASELOAD

<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade ENL</b></p> <p>A - Gua.....Fernandez</p> <p>Gue - Quev.....Dorado</p> <p>Quez - Z.....Cabassa</p>		<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p> <p>A - Cham .....Fernandez</p> <p>Chas - Esc.....Dorado</p> <p>Est - Mel.....Rios</p>
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade ENL</b></p> <p>A - I.....Fernandez</p> <p>J- Pe.....Dorado</p> <p>Pi -Z.....Cabassa</p>		<p>Men - Par.....Cabassa</p> <p>Per - Z.....Gilchrest</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade ENL</b></p> <p>A - Gua.....Fernandez</p> <p>Gua Con - Per.....Dorado</p> <p>Per-In - Z.....Cabassa</p>		<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p> <p>A - B.....Fernandez</p> <p>C - Dua.....Dorado</p> <p>Dum - Lor.....Rios</p> <p>Lun - Mun.....Cabassa</p> <p>Mur - Z.....Gilchrest</p>
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade ENL</b></p> <p>A - F.....Fernandez</p> <p>L - Que.....Dorado</p> <p>Qui - Z.....Cabassa</p>		<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p> <p>A - Ca.....Fernandez</p> <p>Ce- F.....Dorado</p> <p>G - Mon.....Rios</p> <p>Mor- Pi.....Cabassa</p> <p>Pl - Z.....Gilchrest</p>
		<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b></p> <p>A - Car .....Fernandez</p> <p>Car - Est.....Dorado</p> <p>Ese - Lid.....Rios</p> <p>Lim - Par .....Cabassa</p> <p>Pau - Z..... Gilchrest</p>

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

There are athletic, music, drama and subject-oriented clubs, student council, publications, and interest groups. Activities will be scheduled after school at times convenient to the group and its adviser. Only officially recognized school groups may use the school building or its facilities unless permission is granted by the district. **Please refer to the Board of Education Eligibility Policy for details.**

### **Athletics**

#### **Fall Sports**

Football (V, JV, Mod(7-8))  
Soccer – Boys (V, JV, Mod(7-8))  
Swimming (Girls)  
Cheerleading (V, Mod)  
Volleyball (V, JV, Mod)  
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)  
Soccer – Girls (V, JV, Mod)

#### **Winter Sports**

Basketball-Boys (V, JV, Mod, Fresh (9<sup>th</sup>))  
Basketball-Girls (V, JV, Mod)  
Bowling (Boys and Girls)  
Indoor Track (Boys and Girls)  
Wrestling (V, JV, Mod)  
Cheerleading (V, Mod)  
Swimming (Boys)

#### **Spring Sports**

Baseball (V, Mod)  
Track (Boys and Girls)  
Lacrosse – Boys (V, Mod)  
Softball (V, JV, Mod)  
Flag Football (Girls)

**Mod -Modified; V-Varsity; JV-Junior Varsity**

*The Athletic Office is located in the gymnasium wing of Peekskill High School.*



## Clubs

**Academic Competition Club** This club is open to all students interested in competing in interscholastic competitions covering a wide genre of topics.

**Art Club** This club is open to students interested in enhancing and developing their artistic talents. The art club strives to increase independence and create a sense of community, leadership, and responsibility in a creative format.

**Black Culture Club** This club is open to all students interested in working together to develop an awareness and involvement in black culture.

**Class Councils** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Councils. Officers for these councils are nominated and then voted into office by all of their classmates. Each council represents its class and organizes, initiates, and carries out social activities for the class and, at times, for the entire school.

**Computer Science Society (PHS CSS)** The PHS CSS will provide engaging opportunities for students to enrich their knowledge in Computer Science. Activities hosted by the club will range from teacher/student lead tutorials on programming skills, to providing an after school "maker-space", to meeting with professionals working in the computer science field.

**Drama Club** The Drama Club is for students interested in any phase of dramatics. This club includes those interested in acting, as well as costumes, make-up, stage planning, and all the other activities that go into theatrical productions.

**Environmental Club** The PHS Environmental Club strives to improve, protect and conserve the environment, locally, regionally and globally through activism, education and appreciation. We raise awareness about environmental issues and sustainable living through Peekskill Community events, such as our annual Earth Day Ceremony, presentations within our Science courses and public outreach. We build community by volunteering together with other clubs at PHS and regularly collaborating, while setting our own goals for the year.

**GSA "Gay-Straight Alliance "** This is a student-led and student-organized school club that aims to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Gardening Club** The purpose of the gardening club is to work as a team to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment, while beautifying our school grounds. We learn how to make plants grow, and share a common love of flowers, shrubs, and vegetables throughout the different seasons. Similarly, we bring cheer to the Peekskill community by writing letters and creating holiday cards that get handed out to senior citizens at the Drum Hill Senior Citizen center.

**Girls Who Code** is a club that promotes technology for girls in order to help close the gender gap in technology. Girls are able to engage in fun and simple online coding tutorials and build community through interactive activities. Girls will build animations, games and apps. They will also work on tutorials in Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript and in a block-based app development language called Thinkable. This club will allow girls to experiment and unlock their potential as coders and change makers.

**Hiking Club** The Peekskill Hiking Club will focus on getting students active and outside in our beautiful community. The club will focus on reading trail maps, planning hikes, reading trail markers, and other basics to get kids interested in hiking the trails of the Hudson Valley. The club will start primarily with hikes in Blue Mountain Reservation - which is only a few minutes from the High School - and will culminate in 1-2 larger hikes farther away from home.

**Interact Club** The Interact Club is a Rotary affiliated activity. The goal of this club is service to the community at large and the international community. Efforts will be made by the students to identify community projects through which students can provide service to others.

**Latino Culture Club** This club is open to all students wishing to work together to develop an awareness and involvement in Hispanic culture.

**Math Competition Club** This club is open to all students interested in mathematics. The club is divided into several teams that compete with teams from other schools in an interscholastic math league.

**Multicultural Club** The purpose of this club is to provide students with experiences and opportunities to learn about the many different cultures around the world and within Peekskill High School. We will listen to music, discuss history as well as draw connections between other cultures and our own culture.

**Newspaper Club-Mercury** Mercury is published every other month. School and district issues are covered. Students learn about typing, art, photography, layouts, writing, editing, reporting, and interviews. Everyone interested is welcome.

**Robotics Club** The purpose of the club is to develop students' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through robotics competitions and other projects. Robotics competitions such as FIRST FTC foster student's interest in STEM, develop leadership and skills in team effectiveness, and develop a community of excited learners. FIRST promotes "gracious professionalism", where teams compete against each other yet at the same time help each other with problems. The PHS Robotics Club provides a place where all students, especially those with an inclination for technology, can thrive. We hope to inspire students who never thought they could do this kind of work. More importantly, the club fosters community equality, which encourages social interactions.

**Ski Club** Members of this club prepare for safe and enjoyable skiing experiences during the winter months.

**Student Council** Student Council is the student government of Peekskill High School. Each class has five representatives, one of whom must be the class president. Meetings are held once a week. The council is primarily concerned with organizing social events for the entire student body.

## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **My Brother's Keeper Program**

This was established by former President Obama, The My Brother's Keeper Programs aims to ensure that the nation's boys and young men of color have equal opportunity to achieve academic and social success and prosperity. The mission of the Hudson Valley MBK Alliance in which Peekskill High School is a member, is to make the American dream available to all boys and young men of color as a priority, and to all students of the Peekskill City School District overall. Peekskill High School students are identified by their school counselors to participate in MBK and are assigned a mentor for the school year. During this period, students and mentors meet weekly and participate in various activities geared at promoting positive relationships and helping students identify their strengths and meaningful goals to pursue.

### **Peekskill GEMs (Girls Empowerment Movement & Sisterhood)**

The Peekskill GEMs group is facilitated by a P.H.S. club advisor, the Director of Multilingual Programs, and the Administrator of Equity and Diversity. The group currently supports girls in grades 9-12 and meets weekly after school for one hour. Each session focuses on a different topic that supports the girls emotionally, mentally, and academically. The Peekskill GEMs is a place where young ladies come together to share, learn, and plan for ways to be active members in their community, all while fostering strong relationships with each other and the role models within the district and the Peekskill community.

### **Elton Brand Academy (CAMP Inc.)**

This afterschool program provides academic and enrichment opportunities for students. Students attending Elton Brand are required to arrive no later than 3:00 PM unless they have a pass from a staff member. Students are expected to have work to complete while in Elton Brand. Teachers are available to support students on a daily basis.

### **Evening School**

Night school provides students an opportunity to recover credits needed to meet the graduation requirements. Night school classes are scheduled two days each week during the fall and spring semester. Students may contact their school counselor for additional information.

## Peekskill High School Honor Societies

National Honor Society  
National English Honor Society  
Mathematics Honor Society  
Science National Honor Society  
Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)  
Social Studies Honor Society  
Tri-M Music Honor Society

**The following application elements are due to the advisors of each honor society by the due date:**

**Google Form: Common Application; Updated Resume; Two completed Faculty feedback forms**

**Request Unofficial Copy of Transcript** from Ms. Khan (gkhan@peekskillschools.org)

**Student Volunteer Form** (minimum of 20 community service hours completed - form is on PHS website)

**Application Due Date:**

**\*\*\*\*Tuesday - December 17, 2024\*\*\*\***

Rating Categories ( <i>For All Honor Societies</i> )	Total Possible Score per category
Teacher Recommendation rating scale (possible 5 pts for each category(4 categories))	20
Updated Resume	10
Personal Statement	30
Community Service Hours (minimum of 20 hours)	20
GPA ( <i>Overall and in Subject area</i> ) (85-89.9 = 10 pts; 90-94.9 = 15 pts; 95-100+ = 20 pts)	20

**Student needs an 85 or higher as a total rating to be inducted in any of the honor societies**

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Membership in the National Honor Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Because membership is the highest academic honor bestowed in high school, selection is carefully considered and a lengthy process is carried out, so that all students have an equal opportunity, without prejudice or favoritism. Activities of the Society are usually those of service to the school or community.

**Honor Society Selection** Students are selected on four qualities: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Students cannot join the National Society – students must be elected to membership.

## **ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY**

The National English Honors Society (NEHS) recognizes students who demonstrate first-rate abilities in areas such as literary analysis, composition and discourse. Students are selected for the NEHS based on academic achievement, character and fellowship. Once selected, students are to maintain an overall GPA of 85%.

## **MATHEMATICS HONOR SOCIETY**

The Peekskill Mathematics Honor Society is a Chapter of the New York State Mathematics Honor Society. Membership in the PMHS is both an honor and a responsibility.

Membership in the Math Honor Society:

- Promotes mathematical excellence and leadership; Fosters student collegiality
  - Provides student recognition; Encourages students to pursue a career in mathematics related fields.
  - Enables students to enjoy mathematics through activities outside the classroom.
- Students are selected on four qualities-scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

## **SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY**

The purpose of the Science National Honor Society (SNHS) is to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought as well as to encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all mankind.

Membership in the Science National Honor Society (SNHS): A student must be in their sophomore year of high school to be considered. He/she must be enrolled in at least one honors class during or prior to their 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years. A member must maintain an overall science average of 85 or higher (B+) across all science courses and an overall average (GPA) of 85 or higher in all other classes.

## **SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPANICA (SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY)**

The purpose of the Society is to promote cross-cultural acceptance and understanding in students of the Spanish language and to encourage service to school and the community. Membership is based on knowledge, leadership, service, and character, in addition to academic excellence.

Requirements for consideration to the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica.

- Students should have a cumulative average of more than 85 in Spanish.
- Students should have a GPA of 85 or higher. Students must maintain a passing grade in all subjects.
- Completed at least two years of upper level Spanish (Spanish 3 or above).
- Plans on studying Spanish for an additional year.
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY**

The selection of students for membership in the National Social Studies Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. Membership decisions are based on scholarship, leadership, service, character, and academic excellence. Candidates must be juniors or seniors that have attended PHS for at least half a year, completed at least 2 full year Social Studies course, plan to take at least one more Social Studies course, have an overall average of 85% or higher, and must have an average in Social Studies courses of 85% or higher.

Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society is the only national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. In order to be considered as a candidate, students must have met the following requirements:

- Attended PHS for at least half a year; Completed at least 2 full year Social Studies courses
- Plan to take at least one more Social Studies course; Overall average is 85% or higher
- Average in Social Studies courses is 85% or higher

## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a program of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. Tri-M student members must be enrolled in at least one music class for at least one semester, have a 85% GPA in their core classes, and a 85% in their music class(es), and be of strong character. Students are selected on four qualities: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

## New York State Seals at Peekskill High School

### **NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY**

The purpose of The Seal of Biliteracy is to recognize students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing in English and Spanish. The Biliteracy Seal will be affixed to the students' diplomas and the information placed on their transcripts giving them more college and job opportunities. Students must receive 3 points each in English and Spanish as outlined below.

English requirements to receive the Biliteracy Seal award are as follows:

- Students must obtain an 80 and above on the Common Core English Regents exam. ENL students can score a 75 and above on 2 other Regents exams without translation, score an 85 and above on their 11th and 12th grade ELA courses or score commanding on 2 modalities of the NYSESLAT.
- Students must complete and present to the Biliteracy Seal Committee a portfolio or project using work from any of their core subjects.

Spanish requirements to receive the Biliteracy Seal award are as follows:

- Students must obtain an 85 and above on the Spanish Checkpoint C course and final exam or score a 4 on the AP Spanish Language and Culture course or on the AP Spanish Literature course.
- Students must complete and present to the Biliteracy Seal committee a portfolio or project using work from their Spanish courses.

### **NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF CIVIL READINESS**

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences.

The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on a high school transcript and diploma:

- shows the student's understanding of a commitment to participatory government; civic responsibility and civic values;
- demonstrates to **universities, colleges, and future employers** that the student has completed an action project in civics or social justice; and
- recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship

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