



Learning at Home & Student / Family Supports

A Guide for Families





Peekskill's promise

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.



**Rigorous,
PreK-12 Aligned
& Culturally
Responsive
Academics**



**Literacy
and STEAM
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child
Approach**



**Enrichment
Experiences**



**Parent, Family
and Community
Partnerships**

Message from Superintendent Dr. Mauricio

The COVID-19 reality has challenged school districts across the nation to adapt the delivery of instruction and support in innovative ways. For some staff, on-line learning was an extension to how they engaged students prior to the closure of school. For others, they used this as an opportunity to work together and learn how to adapt their use of technology. This exemplifies our commitment to our children and families. It is important to keep in mind that while we seek to continue learning opportunities at home, we are also cognizant of the realities that our families are facing on a daily basis. If you require support, please reach out to our staff to assist you. The Peekskill City School District is committed to providing quality academic, health and wellness supports to our students using an online virtual platform. Additionally, we are providing support to our parents and guardians to assist them during these challenging times. This document outlines our resources and services available to our students and families in one convenient location. We will modify it as new information becomes available. Lastly, please visit our Online Learning Resources page by clicking [here](#).

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Communication with Families

As a District, we are committed to keeping our students, staff, parents and community members up to date with all of the latest news from PCSD. Peekskill Schools use the following means to keep you informed:

- District and school websites:
 - [District Homepage](#)
 - [Uriah Hill Homepage](#)
 - [Woodside Homepage](#)
 - [Oakside Homepage](#)
 - [Hillcrest Homepage](#)
 - [PKMS Homepage](#)
 - [PHS Homepage](#)
- Official PCSD Social Media Accounts (Search @PeekskillCSD on all sites)
 - [Peekskill CSD Facebook](#)

- [Peekskill CSD Twitter](#)
- [PeekskillCSD Instagram](#)
- PCSD eNewsletter - ([Sign up here](#) to receive this emailed publication!)
- Our archived [Superintendent's Communications Briefs can be found here.](#)
- Download our District Mobile App on iTunes or Google Play (Search "Peekskill City School District")
- [District Electronic Calendar](#)
- PCSD Cable TV Channel: Channel 77 (Optimum) and Channel 32 (Verizon)

Academics: Learning from Home

Technology

[Continued Learning Resources For Students](#) District Continued Learning Landing page with links to each school's page and resources. Talk to your children about being careful about their online presence (emails, social media, pictures, etc.).

Tech Help for Parents/Students:

Parents and Students who need technology help (*ex. logging in, accessing a program*) can receive assistance by completing the [Peekskill Continued Learning Help Desk Form](#) or emailing techhelp@peekskillschools.org.

Guide to Google Classroom

- English tutorial: [Guide to Google Classroom](#)
- Spanish tutorial: [Tutoriales en Español](#)

Guide to Clever

Clever is an easy way for your student to access many of the learning applications they use at school (*i.e. ST Math, Google Classroom, Zearn*). It allows them to access many of their learning applications on the Clever Portal with a single username and password.

- English: [Guide to Clever](#)
- Spanish: [Instrucciones de Clever](#)

Online Safety

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)

Elementary Schools

- Paper-based Learning Packets are available for printing online and for pick up during designated times and weeks at Oakside Elementary and the High School. The links for prekindergarten through grade five are below. This paper based learning opportunity can be used instead of online learning or in addition to online learning depending on your families needs and your child’s best learning style.

Principal & Assistant Principal Contact Information and Links to Academic Resources:

Uriah Hill School

Principal Carmen Vargas cvargas@peekskillschools.org

[Prekindergarten Continued Learning Resources](#)

Woodside Elementary School

Principal Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez ravilesrodriguez@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal Jacqueline Liburd jliburd@peekskillschools.org

[Kindergarten & Grade 1 Continued Learning Resources](#)

Oakside Elementary School

Principal Crystal Hernandez chernandez@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal Staci Woodley swoodley@peekskillschools.org

[Grade 2 & Grade 3 Continued Learning Resources](#)

Hillcrest Elementary School

Principal Randy Lichtenwalner rlichtenwalner@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal Shannon O’Grady sogrady@peekskillschools.org

[Grade 4 & Grade 5 Continued Learning Resources](#)

- **Online Learning Opportunities**

- **Teacher Pages** - You can find your child’s teacher page by going to your child’s school and clicking on the Teacher Pages Tab. Click on the name of your child’s teacher in the directory list and then you will see information about the teacher including contact information, a daily message to your child and online learning opportunities.
- **Google Classroom** - Teachers in grades Prek-1 have a Google Slides daily lesson planning guide available on their teacher page. The slides present learning and resources for each day. Teachers in grades 2-5 have invited their students to their Google Classroom page. You can access this page by going to your child’s teacher page and clicking the link for Google classroom. If you

need the code to enter the classroom, please email the teacher. The Google Classroom page contains Google Slides and other Google resources for daily instruction.

Secondary Schools

Principal & Assistant Principal Contact Information

Peekskill Middle School

Principal, Jamal Lewis jlewis@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, June Campolongo jcampolongo@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, Courtney Simon csimon@peekskillschools.org

[PKMS Continued Learning Resources](#)

Peekskill High School

Principal, Rodney Arthur rarthur@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, Margie Daniel mdaniels@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, Jenna Ferris jferris@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, Naima Smith Moore nsmithmoore@peekskillschools.org

Assistant Principal, Will Toro wtoro@peekskillschools.org

[PHS Continued Learning Resources](#)

School Closure Grading:

Peekskill High School and Peekskill Middle School: 3rd Quarter Grading

What is the philosophy that governs grading during the COVID-19 school closure?

Our priority is to ensure that no student is unfairly impacted by this drastic shift in his/her school and learning experience. In keeping in line with a “do no harm” philosophy, we want to do our best to assist students to continue their learning while trying to support the social and emotional needs of our community and students. As such, our grading plan is as follows:

- Focuses on the essential learning in order to prepare students for the next step in their educational experience.
- Takes into account that everyone has circumstances that are outside of their control.
- Takes into account the social emotional impact of the current situation.

- Recognizes the lack of access to an equitable learning environment including wifi access.

How are the 3rd quarter grades being calculated?

In light of these unprecedented circumstances, Peekskill High School and Peekskill Middle School will be adopting a “No Harm” approach to grading for the 3rd and 4th quarters while expecting students to remain engaged in their learning throughout the closure.

- 3rd Quarter (*Ending April 24th*): Grades for 3rd quarter will be a Pass or Incomplete. We will not use numerical grades for the 3rd quarter. We were approximately halfway through our third quarter when we closed schools on March 13th. Students will be provided the opportunity to make up any missed work that was assigned between January 27th and March 12th, without penalty. Students will not be allowed to get an average lower than what their average was on March 13th. During this time, teachers will support students in catching up on their essential learning, provide new learning lessons for AP and Regents classes and may be assigning enrichment assignments to keep students engaged.

All high school courses that are assessed as a “Pass” will be granted credit toward graduation requirements.

What is a Pass?

A pass will be left to the discretion of the classroom teacher. The teacher will return assignments/projects with comments. The comments will explain the changes that need to be made in order to make an assignment acceptable as a passing assignment.

What is an Incomplete?

Students who do not complete assignments by the end of the Quarter will be assigned an incomplete for that course. The teacher will correspond to the student whose assignments need to be completed in a reasonable amount of time to be given a “Pass”. Students will have two weeks to make up assignments. The due date will be May 15th.

What will I see on my report card ?

You will either see a P (pass) or an INC (Incomplete) If you get an INC - be sure to find out what you need to do to have the grade changed to a P (pass).

Will this affect my Grade Point Average (GPA) ?

No - the Pass / Incomplete approach will not negatively impact your GPA.

Will my transcript permanently have a P or an INC grade?

No. The transcript will have a real grade for the course at the end of the year. There are still many unanswered questions surrounding the assignment of grades. We fully understand that GPA's are critical, and we want to be sure that our decisions put all of our students in the best possible GPA scenario.

NYS Regents exams are cancelled. What does this mean to students?

Yes, Regents Exams are cancelled. As well as the LOTE Checkpoint A and B Oneida Exam. If you are in a Regents course it is CRITICAL that you keep the highest level of expectations as possible. If you pass the course you will get Regents Credit for Graduation purposes on the Regents.

NYSED [announced the cancellation of the June 2020 administration of Regents Exams](#) and released [guidance on modifications to requirements](#) for students to graduate and earn their high school diplomas, credentials, and endorsements.

Will the teachers assign tests or quizzes?

Because there is value in this type of assessment, this decision will be made by individual teachers.

- **4th Quarter (*Begins April 27th*)**

We are finalizing the grading structure for the 4th quarter. Teachers will provide feedback on specific assignments and indicate mastery/proficiency through comments. All assignments during this time will help keep students engaged in their learning and support advancement to the next course. All grades will be put in the online gradebook that can be found on Parent Portal.

- **How will final grades be calculated?**

A final calculation is still being discussed.

- **What should I do if my student needs academic support?**

If you are concerned about your child's academic performance, please contact the child's teacher first or his guidance counselor. You can then contact the building administration. The district directory has all the email addresses.

<https://www.peakskillcsd.org/Page/5844>

- **What should I do if my child needs social or emotional support?**

If you are concerned about your child’s social and emotional well being please contact the child’s guidance counselor or building administration.

<https://www.peakskillcsd.org/Page/5844>

Schedule for Lessons:

Synchronous lessons are live and Asynchronous lessons are pre-recorded or uploaded activities.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<p>Teachers of the below disciplines can do synchronous or asynchronous lessons:</p> <p><i>Math: Science: Art: CoreX and skills classes:</i></p>	<p>Teachers of the below disciplines can do synchronous or asynchronous lessons:</p> <p><i>English: Social Studies LOTE: Music: PE Health:</i></p>	<p>Teachers of the below disciplines can do synchronous or asynchronous lessons:</p> <p><i>Math Science: STEM/Tech: PE/Health: ENL:</i></p>	<p>Teachers of the below disciplines can do synchronous or asynchronous lessons:</p> <p><i>English Social Studies: LOTE: ENL: CoreX/Skills:</i></p>	<p>Teachers of the below disciplines can do synchronous or asynchronous lessons:</p> <p><i>Art: Music: PE/Health: STEM/Tech: ENL</i></p>

<p>The teachers for these disciplines will set aside time on this day for office hours. They will be available to answer questions from students or parents. Times will be posted on your Google Classroom.</p> <p>English Social Studies LOTE Music ENL STEM/Tech</p>	<p>The teachers for these disciplines will set aside time on this day for office hours. They will be available to answer questions from students or parents. Times will be posted on your Google Classroom.</p> <p>Math Science Art STEM/Tech CoreX/Skills ENL</p>	<p>The teachers for these disciplines will set aside time on this day for office hours. They will be available to answer questions from students or parents. Times will be posted on your Google Classroom.</p> <p>English Social Studies LOTE Music Art Core X/Skills</p>	<p>The teachers for these disciplines will set aside time on this day for office hours. They will be available to answer questions from students or parents. Times will be posted on your Google Classroom.</p> <p>Math Science Art STEM/Tech PE/Health ENL</p>	<p>The teachers for these disciplines will set aside time on this day for office hours. They will be available to answer questions from students or parents. Times will be posted on your Google Classroom.</p> <p>English Social Studies Math Science CoreX/Skills</p>
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STEAM Learning (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, Mathematics)

The STEAM Program in Peekskill City School District is driven by the belief that every child will be given the opportunity to explore and express their talents in a nurturing environment where they collaboratively work together to solve problems relevant to society requiring scientific, technological and mathematical applications needed for the 21st century. During our school closure, teachers will create lessons that guide students in a “learn at home” environment.

(Math learning resources are provided below. Science and STEAM resources will be added in the future)

Elementary Learning:

- **Math** - Teachers are continuing to provide Math instruction for students at home regularly. Video lessons, practice assignments, and enrichment activities will be delivered through teacher web pages or Google Classrooms. Students should be working on ZEARN and/or ST Math as assigned by their teacher to maintain fluency. In addition, on-line Math help is available for parents and students via email or Google Meet! Please email MathHelp@peekskillschools.org for assistance.

Math Resources	Grade Level Links
<p>Please log in using the District’s Clever Portal to access the following:</p> <p>Zearn is a Math program which supports the K-5 Math program. It allows for blended and personalized learning as well as enrichment and progress monitoring.</p> <p>ST Math is a supplemental Math program to support conceptual understanding, spiral review, enrichment, and progress monitoring in grades 2 through 5.</p>	<p><u>Peekskill’s Clever Portal</u></p>
<p>Khan Academy Kids offers developmentally appropriate activities including daily schedules, printables in both English and Spanish, links to Videos, and an App for Mobile Devices available through Google Play or Apple AppStore</p> <p>Khan Academy has short video lessons and online practice available side-by-practice for Math topics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Khan Academy Kids</u> ● <u>App for mobile devices</u> ● <u>Khan Academy K</u> ● <u>Khan Academy K Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 1</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 1 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 2</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 2 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 3</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 3 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 4</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 4 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 5</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 5 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 6</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 6 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 7</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 7 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 8</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Grade 8 Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Algebra I</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Algebra I Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Geometry</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Geometry Spanish</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Algebra II</u> ● <u>Khan Academy Algebra II Spanish</u>

<p>The Math Learning Center offers family friendly Math at Home activities which are updated daily and printable Practice Pages in both English and Spanish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math at Home PreK ● Math at Home K ● Math at Home Grade 1 ● Math at Home Grade 2 ● Math at Home Grade 3 ● Math at Home Grade 4 ● Math at Home Grade 5 ● Practice Pages for Grades K-5 in English and Spanish
<p>Happy Numbers offers topic by topic online practice activities for students and families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Happy Numbers PreK ● Happy Numbers K ● Happy Numbers Grade 1 ● Happy Numbers Grade 2 ● Happy Numbers Grade 3 ● Happy Numbers Grade 4 ● Happy Numbers Grade 5
<p>eMathInstruction offers Math Video Lessons and printable practice resources for Middle School courses aligned to the New York Next Generation Math Standards and High School Courses aligned to the New York Common Core Math Standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● eMathInstruction Grade 6 ● eMathInstruction Grade 7 ● eMathInstruction Grade 8 ● eMathInstruction CC Algebra 1 ● eMathInstruction CC Geometry ● eMathInstruction CC Algebra II

Multilingual Education

Peekskill City School District’s Multilingual programs serve children in Pre-K through grade twelve. Our Dual Language program provides students the opportunity to learn academic content in English and Spanish by certified teachers experienced in working with language learners. PCSD serves students through a *two-way model* (*two teachers designated to one of the two languages*) and a *one-way model* (*one teacher responsible for teaching both languages*). Peekskill’s English as a New Language program supports English language acquisition to students new to the country in two formats: a *stand-alone* ENL class where instruction is provided by a NYS certified TESOL teacher, and *integrated classes* where ELLs receive ENL supports from an ENL teacher in a content area class (*i.e., ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies*).

English as a New Language Learners

English as a New Language Prek-5

- Students may use [Clever Portal](#) to log in and access:
 - Raz- Kids leveled readers
 - BrainpopENL
 - Brainpop
 - BrainpopJr
 - Achieve3000 (Grades 4-12)
- [Starfall](#) (Free: Learn the English alphabet, play games and practice foundational reading skills in English)
- [Epic Books](#) (Access hundreds of books and videos in English)
- [PBS Kids](#) (Free: Practice English through fun games and activities)
- [ABCya](#) (Free, practice English through fun games and videos)
- [Duolingo](#) (Free app and website. Select English)

English as a New Language Grades 6-12 & Adult English Language Learners

- Students may use [Clever Portal](#) to log in and access:
 - BrainpopENL
 - Brainpop
 - BrainpopJr
 - Achieve3000 (Grades 4-12)
- [NewsELA for English/Spanish reading](#) (Multilevel articles in English & Spanish)
- [IXL English Language Arts](#) (Practice grade level, standards based ELA concepts)
- [Duolingo](#) (Free app and website. Select English)

High School Level ELLs

- [USA Learns](#) (Free: foundational to advanced level English concepts for daily life)
- [Learn American English](#) (Free: Foundational to advanced level concepts, lessons, videos and application practice)
- [Past NYS Regents exams for home practice](#) (Your ENL or ELA teacher can support you in scoring your practice exams)

- [IXL English Language Arts](#) (Practice grade level, standards based ELA concepts)
- [Duolingo](#) (Free app and website. Select English)

For Adults in the home

- [USA Learns](#) (Free: foundational to advanced level English concepts for daily life + US Citizenship practice questions)
- [Learn American English](#) (Free: Foundational to advanced level concepts, lessons and application practice)
- [Duolingo](#) (Free app and website. Select English)

Dual Language Students: Spanish Dominant Students and Parents

Grades Pre K-5

- Students may use [Clever Portal](#) to log in and access:
 - Raz- Kids leveled readers
 - BrainpopENL
 - Brainpop
 - BrainpopJr
 - Achieve3000 (Grades 4-12)
- [Starfall](#) (Free: Learn the English alphabet, play games and practice foundational reading skills in English)
- [Epic Books](#) (Access hundreds of free books, videos and audio books)
- [Rockalingua](#) (Learn Spanish through music and play. Some components may have associated costs)
- [Story Place](#) (Free:English & Spanish games)
- [The Spanish Experiment](#) (listen to class folktales and childrens stories in Spanish)
- [The Fable Cottage](#) (Bilingual children’s stories with audio)
- [Unite for Literacy](#) (Fiction and Non-Fiction books with audio)
- [Duolingo](#) (Start from foundational skills and move up to advanced level fluency. May have cost associated after certain level)

Dual Language: English Dominant Students and Parents

Grades Pre K-5

- [Spanish for Little Ones](#) (Little ones can learn Spanish via songs, videos and stories)
- [PBS Kids Spanish Games](#) (Free: Spanish games that develop listening and direction following skills in Spanish)
- [Digital Dialects](#) (Free: Spelling quizzes and games by category: Grammar concepts and vocabulary, animals, colors, spelling and other foundational Spanish skills)
- [ABCya Spanish](#) (Spanish Bingo and Spanish vocabulary games. Type Spanish in search bar and scroll down if it does not come up immediately)
- [Online Free Spanish](#) (Free: Levels range from Beginner to Advanced, Holidays and printable worksheets for home practice)
- [ArbolABC](#) (Free, learn Spanish concepts through games, puzzles and classic stories)
- [The Spanish Experiment](#) (listen to class folktales and childrens stories in Spanish)
- [The Fable Cottage](#) (Bilingual stories with audio)
- [Rosetta Stone for Students](#) (Free for students for the next three months)
- [MuzzyBBC: Learn Spanish with Muzzy](#) (Children learn Spanish through animated stories. **Monthly and yearly subscription required**)

Grades 4-5

- [BBC Spanish](#) (Free: type Spanish in the search bar if it does not come up immediately. Select learning category)
- [Conjuguemos](#) (Free: grammar based activities, games, quizzes: Scroll to bottom of page and select “Get Started as Student”, register child using parent/guardian email.
- [Online Free Spanish](#) (Free: Levels range from Beginner to Advanced, Holidays and printable worksheets for home practice)
- [Education.com Printable worksheets](#) (Free: Printable worksheets for home practice)
- [Duolingo](#) (Start from foundational skills and move up to advanced level fluency. May have costs associated after certain level)

For Adults in the home:

- [SpanishPod 101](#) (Free: Listen to over 1800 videos and lessons in addition to podcasts in Spanish)
- [News in slow Spanish](#) (Listen to podcasts and read/view news articles in Spanish at a beginners level.)

- [Study Spanish Online](#) (Free options as well as monthly membership fees)
- [Duolingo](#) (Start from foundational skills and move up to advanced level fluency)

Phone & Tablet/Ipad Apps: (*may or may not have associated costs*)

- [Duolingo](#)
- [Gus on the Go: Spanish for kids](#) (Gus on the Go: cost \$3.99)

Toddlers & Pre-K Apps:

- [Learn Spanish for Toddlers](#) (Learn Spanish for toddlers with a little boy named Carlos)

Physical Education and Athletics

Physical Education classes are important for students to remain healthy. Please make sure that you visit the P.E. teacher's google page (Middle and High School Students) to ensure you earn credit for the class or find the link on your child's teacher page for daily learning activities (Elementary Students).

Physical Education and Athletic Links:

- Physical Education
 - Fitness, nutrition and wellness: <https://darebee.com/>
 - Fitness: <https://www.fitnessblender.com/>
 - Activities to do at home: <https://openphysed.org/activeschools/activehome>
- Athletics
 - Track and Field: <https://trackstarusa.com/free-track-workouts/>
 - Baseball: <https://www.baseball-tutorials.com/at-home-baseball-drills/5469/>
 - Softball: <https://dablewett.com/at-home-strength-workouts-fastpitch-softball/>
 - Lacrosse: <https://newwavelax.wordpress.com/2015/07/28/solo-drills-for-the-off-season/>

Special Services Department
*(Student Support Services, Special Education and
Parent, Family & Community Engagement)*

The Special Services Department provides the highest quality of care and support for students and families in need of academic, social-emotional, behavioral and health services. The district utilizes a multi-tiered system of support model to ensure that every student receives the appropriate level and type of support they need. The department oversees all student and parent support services, initiatives and campaigns as well as special education programs and 504 services.

For more information please click the link to visit our website: [Special Services Website](#)

Student Support Services

Virtual Attendance Campaign

Daily attendance is accessing the on-line tools described above for students or completing work packets to remain engaged in learning. Students should visit their teacher pages and Google Classroom links daily. Elementary students who do not have on-line access or prefer a paper learning packet should work on them daily. However, we realize that this may not be possible due to various reasons that challenge a family. Know that we do not wish to create greater anxiety, therefore do what you feel is best for your family.

Click the link to see the [Attendance Flyer](#) that our community partners will add to their websites and social media pages to help spread the message.

Commitment 2 Character

This is a district-wide Pre-K- 12 initiative that focuses on character education around specific monthly themes.

Please click on the link to see the monthly themes and visit our:

[Commitment to Character District Website](#)

Click on the links below to see what is happening each month!

[April: Friendship](#)

[May: Attitude and Values](#)

[June: Reflection](#)

Health and Wellness

It is important now more than ever for families to remain physically, socially and emotionally healthy. We know that this is a challenge for everyone due to the daily realities that face our children and families. We would like to support you during these difficult times.

Please click on the link to visit our NEW site with tips, wellness activities, yoga videos, resources and more! [Family Health & Wellness Webpage](#)

Mental Health & Counseling Services

PKMS and PHS have established Google Support Classrooms. The school counselors, social workers, psychologists and onsite agency partners are providing resources, information and tips about stress and wellness. Students can join support classes to say hi or check in with the counseling and clinical team.

PKMS code: @pa44iqw

PHS code: @pk3isqt!

The clinical and counseling team is available to support students and families during this difficult time. You are not alone. We are here to help. The district has a warm support line for anyone who needs immediate assistance **9:00am to 9:00pm, 7 days a week: 914-522-0624.**

For mental health emergencies, the Westchester County Mobile Prevention and Crisis Team at St. Vincent's Hospital is available **24 hours a day / 7 days a week: (914) 925-5959.**

Special Education / 504 Plans

The Special Services Department provides special education and 504 services in accordance with NYS and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. During distance learning IEPs and 504 plans are being implemented to the greatest extent possible.

- **Office Hours:** The special services office is virtually open during regular school hours and we are here to help you.
- **CPSE / CSE Meetings:** The Committee on Special Education and Preschool Education (CPSE/CSE) are holding meetings via phone conference.
- **Special Education Parent Training:** Sessions are available virtually. Please click on the schedule for details: [Parent Education Parent Training Sessions Spring 2020](#)
- **Special Education Help Sessions:** If you have any questions or concerns about your child's services please contact your child's special education teacher, provider or the special services office. Teachers are available via email for extra help and support. Please see the extra help schedule: [PCSD Special Education K-12 Help Schedule](#)

- **504 Plans:** Plans will be continued into the 2020-2021 school year. 504 plans require “periodic re-evaluation” therefore an annual meeting will not be scheduled unless requested or there are significant changes in your child’s needs. For more information you may contact the school psychologist in your child’s building or the special services office at LTravis@peekskillschools.org

For more information please click on the links below:

[Parent/Family Special Education Letter April 1, 2020](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions & Directory for Special Services](#)

Parent, Family & Community Engagement

The Peekskill City School District is committed to increasing parent and family involvement in schools. We strive to establish effective communication between home and school and improve community outreach and training opportunities for parents and families of students in grades PreK through 12th. The PCSD has more than 70 community communities including seven onsite partners.

Please [click here](#) for a letter to families from Ms. Maria Olivier-Flores, PCSD Parent, Family and Community Liaison.

Please [click here](#) for a list of all Parent Center Information, Online Workshops, Parent Coffees and Trainings.

The Parent Resource Center is open via email or you may call and leave a message and someone will get back to you within 24-48 hours during work hours. Please contact Maria Olivier-Flores at (914) 739 - 0682 x 7102.

Virtual Parent Support Groups (Multilingual)

- [Adelphi Early Childhood Parent Support Group](#); Institute for Parenting Warmline Supporting Young Children
- [Parent Reflection and Homeschooling Support During COVID 19](#)
- [FSW Mental Health Support](#)
- [WJCS Weekly Parent Support Group](#) - The meeting ID is: 830 644 997. Videos of the parenting groups will be made available for those who cannot attend during the live sessions.

**Stay Healthy. Stay Engaged. Stay Connected.
Be Well Peekskill Schools' Family!**

**Peekskill
Schools**