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2012-13 Guide to Offerings & Options in the Pittsburgh Public Schools

General Application for the 2012-13 School Year



**Pittsburgh
Public Schools**



The Pathway to the Promise.™

Applying to CTE?
Be sure to complete
the enclosed
application.

General Application 2012–13 School Year

Consider **applying online** at www.pps.k12.pa.us/magnet (applying online is only available to currently enrolled PPS Students in grades PreK–12).

Magnet and CTE Application Due Date: December 16, 2011. *Pittsburgh CAPA Applications are due by October 21, 2011. After the lottery, the last day to apply is March 16, 2012.*

All responses must be **printed clearly**, using blue or black ink. To be entered in the lottery, students must be a resident of the City of Pittsburgh. Tuition waivers for PPS employees are considered only after the lottery is complete.

Incomplete applications will not be processed. Students who do not meet entrance requirements will not go through the lottery. An e-mail confirmation of your application will be sent to your e-mail address below within two weeks of receipt. Due to the volume of applications, we cannot confirm receipt of applications over the phone or by mail.

**Please complete this form and any supplementary materials and return to:
Magnet Office, Room 453A, Pittsburgh Public Schools 341 S. Bellefield Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

Student's Legal Name: _____
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Gender: _____ Race: _____
(Optional)

Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Anticipated grade level for 2012–13 School Year (Please Check One):

P3* P4* K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

**P3 and P4 Pre-K classes are only available at Pittsburgh Montessori.
K ONLY: Students must turn 5 by September 30th to apply.*

Name of Current School: _____

PPS School Non-PPS School (please complete Release of Records section)

Check here if student is eligible for a tuition waiver (child of PPS employee who resides out of the City)

Parent/Guardian Information – Check here if same as above:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Does student reside with this parent or guardian? (Please check one): Yes No

Relationship to Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

THIS SECTION ONLY NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE ENROLLING IN PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Release of Records

Name of Current School: _____

Name of Current School District: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Principal Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check here if you are currently not a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, but plan to reside within the City by the first day of school in 2012/13.

***Any 9th–12th grade out-of district, private, charter, or catholic school applicant must supply a report card with the application. If you are applying to Obama, Allderdice, or Brashear, PSSA scores must also be submitted.**

Magnet and CTE Program Selections

See page 5 of the Offerings and Options Guide for information on how to complete magnet program selections. Students applying to Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12 **must** list it as their first choice since auditions are completed before the lottery.

Preferences (Check only those that apply for **each student** and **each program**. See pages 7-8 of the Guide for details on each school.)

	School Choice	Sibling—Name & Grade	Program Continuation
Choice #1			
Choice #2			
Choice #3			

Check here if you are willing to transfer full time to this school to participate in the CTE program.

Students Applying to Pittsburgh Linden—Kindergarten ONLY

Please choose your first choice language: Mandarin Chinese German

Students Applying to a Language Magnet (Grades 3–5)

- Check here if you have prior language experience and are willing to test. Please list language: _____
- Check here if you do not have language experience but are willing to attend tutoring/placement.

Students Applying to One of the Schools with Additional Application Materials

- Check here if you have applied to **Obama International Baccalaureate 6–12** as one of your choices, to confirm you have completed **Appendix A** and enclosed it with your application.
- Check here if you have applied to **Science & Technology Academy 6–12** as one of your choices, to confirm you have completed **Appendix B** and enclosed it with your application.
- Check here if you have applied to **Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12** as one of your choices, to confirm you have completed **Appendix C** and enclosed it with your application. The Pittsburgh CAPA application is due by **October 21, 2011**. **Please note: Parts II and III of the CAPA application are sent directly to CAPA, not the magnet office.**

Students New to Pittsburgh Public Schools

- Check here if you are a new student who has not attended the Pittsburgh Public Schools within the past year, to confirm you have enclosed:
- Two copies of proofs of residency, which can come from the following list:
 - Driver's license
 - Utility bill (Gas, Water, or Electric ONLY)
 - Tax statement
 - Evidence of public assistance or social security
 - Evidence of the child's date of birth (birth or baptismal certificate)
 - Updated and complete immunization records (with dates)
- Check here if you wish to receive additional weights for PSSA/Standardized test proficiency, attendance rate, free or reduced lunch or behavior/conduct. Please submit evidence with your application.

Home Language Survey

What is the student's first language (for example, English)?: _____

Does the student speak a language other than English?: _____
If yes, specify language (do not count language learned in school).

What language is spoken at home?: _____

Appendix A (Complete only if applying to Pittsburgh Obama)

Pittsburgh Barack Obama International Baccalaureate 6–12

Students who attend Obama 6–12 commit to taking a consistent second language, in addition to English, throughout their time at the school. Students may only continue in the program if they continue to take, and pass, their second language course. Students may only remain in the program by maintaining a 2.0 GPA, adequate conduct and receiving no less than a C in any core academic area (English, second language, mathematics, science, and social studies). Students who do not maintain these requirements will be expected to return to their home school.

- Students who have previously taken a second language are expected to continue in that language, although they may note interest in a different language and will be placed there only if there is availability.
- Students with no previous language experience coming into 6th or 9th grade will be placed in an introductory language class.
- If a student wishes to change their language selection during any time at Obama 6–12, they will first need to take a placement exam to see if they are proficient enough to enter that language.

6–8 Grade Applicants

Please select the option that applies to this applicant:

- I did not attend a Pittsburgh Public School elementary language magnet, and I am applying to the introductory language program.
- I did not attend a Pittsburgh Public School elementary language magnet, but I have prior language experience and would like to take a placement test for:
 - Spanish
 - French
 - German
- I attended the Pittsburgh Fulton French magnet.
- I attended the Pittsburgh Liberty Spanish magnet.
- I attended the Pittsburgh Linden German magnet.
- I attended the Pittsburgh Northview Spanish magnet.
- I attended the Pittsburgh Phillips Spanish magnet.

9–12 Grade Applicants

Please select the option that applies to this applicant:

- I did not attend Obama 6–12 during the middle grades (6–8), and I am applying for the introductory language program in 9th grade.
- I did not attend Obama 6–12 during the middle grades (6–8), but I have prior language experience and would like to take a placement test for:
 - Japanese
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish

Appendix B (Complete only if applying to Pittsburgh Science & Technology)

Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy

Dream. Discover. Design.

To enter the lottery:

1. Complete and submit the regular magnet program application before December 16, 2011 at 5PM.
2. Complete and submit the short essays (see below) before December 16, 2011 and include it with your magnet application.

After you are selected in the lottery:

3. Attend one of the Mandatory Information Sessions.
4. Sign the Compact of Understanding.

Minimum Requirements

- Students must be a resident of the City of Pittsburgh.
- There are no academic requirements to apply to The Academy in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades.
- Students applying for the 9th grade must have achieved the Basic level or above on their most recently available PSSA tests in Math and Reading.

Essay

The following 2 essay questions must be completed in full and returned for the application to be considered complete. They can be typed or legibly handwritten on a separate sheet of paper, and should not exceed 500 words total. The essay WILL NOT be scored. It is simply a way for the student to demonstrate their interest in the program.

QUESTION #1: Tell us why you want to attend Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy in 100–200 words.

QUESTION #2: Describe your educational and career goals for after graduation in 100–200 words.

Please return the completed essay with the General Application.

Mandatory Information Sessions and Compact of Understanding

Upon acceptance, all students must attend one Mandatory Information Session. This is a session designed to make students and parents aware of The Academy's expectations. Each student, along with their parent or guardian, must sign the Compact of Understanding which details the components that both students and families must comply with in order to find success in this program.

- **Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6–7:30PM** at the Science & Technology Academy, 107 Thackeray Street, 15213
- **Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6–7:30PM** at the Science & Technology Academy, 107 Thackeray Street, 15213

Students who turn in an incomplete application will not be considered for admission. Due to this merit based system, sibling preference criteria will not be used to determine acceptance.

Appendix C (Complete only if applying to Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12)

Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts 6–12 (CAPA)

Please select the art department to which you want to apply by checking the appropriate box. You may audition for **no more than TWO** art departments.

Dance

Instrumental Music (please indicate the instrument(s) that you play)

• Instrument(s): _____

Literary Arts

Theatre (please indicate which aspect of theatre for which you wish to audition)

Drama (Acting)

Musical Theatre (Acting, Singing & Dancing)

Technical (Stage Craft)

Technical (Costume)

Visual Arts

Vocal Music (please indicate your range)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The General Magnet Application, in addition to **Appendix C (this page)**, must be submitted to the magnet office by **October 21, 2011 at 5PM**. Parts II and III must be submitted directly to Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12 no later than **October 21, 2011 at 5PM**.

Form to Complete	Sent to:	Due
General Magnet Application and Appendix C: CAPA	Magnet Office, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213 or if applying online— www.pps.k12.pa.us/magnet	October 21, 2011 at 5PM
Part II: Arts Selection & Essay (one per art form)	Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12, 111 Ninth Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, Attention: Application	October 21, 2011 at 5PM
Part III: Letter of Recommendation (one per art form)	Pittsburgh CAPA 6–12, 111 Ninth Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, Attention: Application	October 21, 2011 at 5PM

Parts II and III can be obtained at any Pittsburgh Public School Guidance Office, by calling the Parent Hotline at (412) 622-7920 or by downloading the application at <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us> under the Magnet section.

Please do not mail CAPA Arts Supplements/Essay and Letters of Recommendation to the magnet office. Only the General Magnet Application and Appendix C should be mailed to the magnet office.

Appendix D (Complete only if applying to a CTE Program)

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

All students who are applying for CTE must submit a completed application by **December 16, 2011** in order to be placed into the lottery. All applications received after **December 16, 2011** will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Students are not able to be enrolled in both a CTE program and a magnet program. Magnet program students who apply for CTE will need to rescind their status as a magnet student by contacting the Magnet Office at (412) 622-3991. Upon rescinding of magnet status, the home/feeder school address will be used to determine proper regional CTE program placement.

Students who are not applying for a CTE program within their region must transfer to the school which houses the CTE program. Students are not able to transfer to a CTE program outside of their region if there is a CTE program available within their region.

Student's Home School: _____

Region	Schools	CTE Programs within Region	
East	Allderdice University Prep at Milliones The Academy at Westinghouse	Allderdice Engineering The Academy at Westinghouse Business Administration Cosmetology Culinary Arts Finance Technology Health Careers Information Technology	
North	Oliver Perry	Oliver Business Administration Cosmetology Culinary Arts Finance Technology Health Careers Information Technology	
South/West	Brashear Carrick Langley South Annex*	Brashear Automotive Body Repair Automotive Technology Carrick Business Administration Culinary Arts Finance Technology Information Technology	Langley Advanced Machine Operations Health Careers South Annex* HVAC Welding

****Students who are enrolled in either HVAC or Welding at South Annex will be share-time students from their home school. They will not be required to transfer schools.***

PLEASE CHECK THAT **ALL REQUIRED SECTIONS**
OF THIS FORM ARE COMPLETED. INCOMPLETE
APPLICATIONS **WILL NOT** BE PROCESSED.

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