



School Calendar 2012-2013



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2012-2013 School Open House Schedule

Artondale 530-1100

Sept. 18, K-2nd, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19, 3rd-5th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Discovery 530-1200

Aug. 29, K, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18, 1st-3rd, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20, 4th-5th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Evergreen 530-1300

Sept. 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Gig Harbor 530-1400

Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m.

Goodman 530-1600

Sept. 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Harbor Heights 530-1800

Sept. 18, 1st-5th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Oct. 11, K, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Harbor Ridge 530-1900

Sept. 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Henderson Bay 530-1700

Oct. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Key Peninsula 530-4200

Sept. 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Kopachuck 530-4100

Sept. 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Minter 530-4300

Sept. 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Peninsula 530-4400

Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Purdy 530-4600

Sept. 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Vaughn 530-4700

Sept. 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Voyager 530-4800

Sept. 19, K-3rd, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20, 4th-5th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dear PSD Family and Community Members,

It is my honor to welcome you to the 2012-2013 school year. I am excited to begin this year as the acting superintendent and look forward to the opportunity to meet many of you over the coming year. Educating our children for the future is our most important job. It takes all of us; staff, parents and community, working together to make this happen.



There are many ways you can keep informed about activities and events at your schools. The District website, www.psd401.net, and school websites are updated on a regular basis. In addition, local media showcase district academic programs and student activities. You can also connect with schools by visiting classrooms or volunteering.

In order to maintain strong communication and transparency, Superintendent Forums will be held four times throughout the school year, Coffee with the Superintendent will start in December, and I will be sending out periodic newsletters. All of these avenues give you an opportunity to find out more about the District or to ask specific questions. School Board meetings are open to the public and highlight student academic achievement and staff excellence. I encourage you to get involved. These are your schools.

I think you will find this calendar to be useful as it contains valuable information and reminders. Peninsula Light Company and the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce continue to be wonderful supporters of PSD and have again sponsored the calendar. In addition, their generosity helps 5th and 8th grade students attend Junior Achievement programs. We continue to partner with business and community members to provide the best educational experience for each of our students.

The calendar also reminds us how fast the school year will pass, so let us take advantage of a great start and make this the best year we can for all of our students. If you ever need to reach me in the Superintendent's Office, please send me an email at cuzzettoc@psd401.net or call (253) 530-1002.

Chuck Cuzzetto, Acting Superintendent

Follow Chuck Cuzzetto on Twitter: [Chuck Cuzzetto @PSDSUP](https://twitter.com/PSDSUP)

School Board

Five citizens serve on the Peninsula School District Board of Directors, each representing one of the districts that make up the school district. They are elected for four-year terms. Members of the Board of Directors are volunteers. Anyone may speak at Board business meetings. The Board also accepts written testimony, either delivered or mailed to the District administration office. Communications addressed to the Board are distributed to all Board members. All schedules, agendas and minutes are available for public viewing at the PSD website. For questions, contact Marilyn Wilson at 530-1002.



District 1
(253) 884-1128
Member since 2007
Term expires 2015

**Matthew
Wilkinson**



District 2
(253) 486-8955
Member since 2007
Term expires 2013

**Wendy
Wojtanowicz**



District 3
(253) 209-3370
Member since 2010
Term expires 2015

**Rand
Wilhelmsen**



District 4
(253) 380-1546
Member since 2005
Term expires 2015

**Jill
Uddenberg**



District 5
(253) 208-7322
Member since 2011
Term expires 2013


**Rick
Jones**

September 2012

Mission Statement

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In partnership with family, business and community, the Peninsula School District will provide a learning focused environment in which every student has the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and character to become a productive citizen in a changing world.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Peninsula Schools Education Foundation (to register for October fundraiser breakfast go to: www.peninsulaeducationfoundation.org) The PSEF raises money to fund local teachers' grant applications for innovative classroom projects and curriculum enhancements. Since its inception, the PSEF has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars for student programs and materials. PSEF mission: The Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, incorporated in 1995, is a 501 (c) (3) organization of volunteer community members dedicated to raising funds to enhance public education in the Peninsula School District. We believe that sustaining and growing our community's commitment to quality education requires everyone's energy, creativity and wisdom.
2	3	4 First day of school 	5 Kindergarten first day of school	6 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	7	8
9	10 Henderson Bay first day of school	11	12 1-hour late start Collaboration Wednesdays begin	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 1-hour late start	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 1-hour late start	27	28	29
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October 2012

Keeping Children Healthy

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The school nurse's primary function is to strengthen the educational process through interventions and protection of the health status of children. As a member of the student's professional team, the school nurse works with the school staff and parents to identify students with health concerns and designs individual or special programs for those students. A partnership between the home and the school will help ensure that children are educated in a safe, healthy and secure environment.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Hugh McMillan	1	2	3 1-hour late start	4 PSEF fundraiser breakfast 7:00 a.m. Canterwood Keynote speaker: Dr. Jeff Bland, Metagenics	5	6
7	8	9	10 1-hour late start	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 1-hour late start	18 Conferences, early release 11:30 m.s. 12:15 e.s.	19 Conferences, early release 11:30 m.s. 12:15 e.s.	20
21	22 Conferences, early release 11:30 m.s. 12:15 e.s.	23 Conferences, early release 11:30 m.s. 12:15 e.s.	24 1-hour late start	25 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	26	27
28	29	30	31 1-hour late start	Preventing Youth Suicide — Community Coalition We are working with health care organizations, social services, police and fire, faith groups, youth programs, parents, a former student and a school counselor to study statistical information and create a community plan for preventing suicide.		

November 2012

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Our Beliefs About Home and Community

Parents and family have the greatest influence in, and responsibility for, their child's learning and behavior. Collaboration with our community strengthens learning.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Safety A safe learning environment for all students and staff is the utmost priority of the Peninsula School District. All schools schedule fire drills, earthquake drills and lockdown drills regularly. Each year procedures for these drills are reviewed and revised as necessary. If you wish to view your school's drill schedule, please contact your school's main office.				1	2	3
4  Standard time begins	5	6	7 1-hour late start	8 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. GHHS	9	10
11	12 No school Veterans Day observed	13	14 1-hour late start	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 No late start Early release All grades (state budget reduction)	22 No school Thanksgiving Break	23 No school Thanksgiving Break	24
25	26	27 Superintendent's Forum, 6:30 p.m. Kopachuck MS	28 1-hour late start	29	30	

December 2012

Our Beliefs About the School System

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Sound fiscal management is essential for the operation of the school district. High expectations lead to high achievement; low expectations lead to unmet potential. Respect for diversity contributes to a strong community and learning environment. A highly effective staff creates an environment for student success. Staff and community members serve as role models for all students. A safe, nurturing environment is critical to student success.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We want to stay connected — with your support we believe we can!</p> <p>Please provide an email address whenever possible. Anyone without access to computers can always make alternative arrangements with any one of our offices to receive information via traditional mailing. Stay in touch with the latest news by reading the Superintendent's newsletters. Go to: www.psd401.net and select "From the Superintendent's Desk" icon in the right-hand sidebar.</p>						1
2	3	4	5 1-hour late start	6 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	7	8
9	10	11 NEW! Coffee with the Superintendent, Dist. Office 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	12 1-hour late start	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 1-hour late start	20	21 Early release h.s. 10:45 m.s. 11:30 e.s. 12:15	22
23	24 No school Winter break Dec. 24 - Jan. 4	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January 2013

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Our Beliefs About Students

Students should be prepared to live and compete in a global society. All students can learn but in different ways and at different rates. Personal responsibility is the basis for successful learning and positive behavior. Students must be able to transition successfully through their learning experiences. Positive self image enhances higher achievement, mutual respect and a safe school environment.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Hugh McMillan</p>		<p>1</p> <p>No school Winter break Jan. 1 - 4</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1-hour late start</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HS Algebra EOC retake</p>	<p>15</p> <p>HS Geometry EOC retake</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1-hour late start</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HS Biology EOC retake</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No school Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1-hour late start</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. Kopachuck MS</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Superintendent's Forum, 6:30 p.m. Harbor Ridge MS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1-hour late start</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>Hugh McMillan</p>	

February 2013

Highly Qualified Teachers

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As part of the provisions of the federal NCLB Act of 2001, you may request the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) by contacting your child's school. The Peninsula School District will provide you with the information in a timely manner.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SafeSchools LifeLine: The SafeSchools LifeLine is a completely anonymous, toll-free tip line students and parents can access any time they need to alert school administration about a potential crisis. When you call 1-866-live-tip: You will be asked to enter your district code of 162. You will always speak to a live operator, who is trained to take immediate action. Non-emergency calls are transcribed and faxed directly to a designated school authority within 24 hours. Voices are not recorded and you do not have to give your name. All callers are assigned a code, allowing them to call back and check on the status of their issue.</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6 1-hour late start	7 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	8	9
10	11	12	13 1-hour late start	14	15	16
17	18 No school Mid-winter break Feb. 18-22	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 1-hour late start	28		

March 2013

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Drug-Free and Gun-Free Environment

Peninsula School District promotes a drug, alcohol and tobacco free environment. To comply with this policy, the Peninsula School District does not tolerate student use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Students found in violation of the District policies governing these items will be disciplined according to District discipline guidelines. Possession of a firearm on school property will result in a one-year mandatory expulsion, subject to appeal with notification to parents and law enforcement.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Peninsula Internet Academy Peninsula School District has online education options for high school students through the Peninsula Internet Academy (PIA). PIA is a fully accredited program that allows students to take high school classes online. Full-time and part-time options are available, depending on the student's needs. High school students choosing to take all of their classes online can graduate with a Peninsula School District diploma. Contact online coordinator@psd401.net or go to: http://pia.psd401.net for more information.					1	2
3	4	5	6 1-hour late start Superintendent's Forum, 6:30 p.m. Goodman MS	7 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. Minter Creek	8	9
 Daylight savings time begins	11	12 HS testing: HSPE (writing)	13 1-hour late start HS testing: HSPE (writing)	14 HS testing: HSPE (reading)	15 No school Possible snow makeup day	16
17	18	19	20 1-hour late start	21 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	22	23
24	25 Elem. conferences Early release 12:15	26 Elem. conferences Early release 12:15	27 1-hour late start	28	29	30
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April 2013

Our Goals

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•Provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff. •Provide challenging educational programs which prepare all students for global living, learning and working. •Recruit and retain a high-quality workforce throughout the district.

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	1	2	3 1-hour late start	4	5	6
7	8	9 NEW! Coffee with the Superintendent, Dist. Office 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	10 1-hour late start	11 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	12	13
14	15 No school Spring Break April 15-19	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 1-hour late start	25	26	27
28	29 MSP testing: online and paper/pencil Grades 3-8 April 29-May 20	30	PSD Senior Management Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Cuzzetto cuzzettoc@psd401.net; Acting Superintendent • Dr. Claudia Thompson thompsonc@psd401.net; Academic Officer, Learning and Teaching • Dan Gregory gregoryd@psd401.net; Academic Officer, K-12 Education Programs • Karen Andersen andersenk@psd401.net; Chief Financial Officer • Dr. Sarah Drinkwater drinkwaters@psd401.net, Executive Director, Student Services 			

May 2013

Our Goals

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•Employ innovative and effective fiscal management strategies in a transparent manner which supports the district's strategic plan. •Provide quality facilities and technology to support and strengthen student learning and protect the community investment. •Provide communication that informs and invites community participation, parent and staff involvement, and that encourages partnerships.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
School Supplies — Did You Know? Elementary principals collaborated last spring to reduce the amount of supplies requested from parents each year. District funding, as a result of our successful levy, was increased to assist schools in purchasing supplies.			1 1-hour late start MSP testing: online, grades 3-8 May 1- 20	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 1-hour late start	9 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. Artondale	10	11
12	13	14	15 1-hour late start	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 1-hour late start	23 Early release PHS only 10:20 Senior projects 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	24 Early release (state budget reduction) h.s. 10:45 m.s. 11:30 e.s. 12:15	25
26	27 No school Memorial Day	28	29 1-hour late start	30 Early release GTHS only 10:20 Senior exhibitions	31	

Non-Discrimination Statement

Peninsula School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. PSD will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. PSD

offers classes in many career and technical education program areas under its open admissions policy. English language proficiency is not required for career and technical education classes. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact the PSD Student Services Department at 253-530-1080. Inquiries regarding Title IX compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the PSD Academic Officer at 253-530-1009. Inquiries regarding Section 504 or ADA may be directed to the PSD Executive Director of Student Services at 253-530-1080. The PSD mailing address is: 14015 62nd Avenue NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332.

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires states to establish student achievement standards; establish assessment systems to measure student progress toward those standards; and have all students at those standards by 2014.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Volunteer Reminder for End-of-Year Activities! Be sure to check your volunteer clearance status. Once approved (through thumb-printing), your clearance is good for two years. If you are new to the school or you do not remember the last time you filled out a form, please stop by your school's main office and ask for the expiration date of your volunteer clearance. If need be, you can fill out a new form then. Clearance is required if you want to volunteer at school, participate in school events (such as field day) or chaperone a field trip.						1
2	3 HS Algebra EOC	4 HS Geometry EOC	5 1-hour late start	6 HS Biology EOC 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	7	8
9	10	11	12 1-hour late start Community Transitions Program (CTP) graduation	13	14  Graduation Henderson Bay HS	15
16  Graduation Gig Harbor HS & Peninsula HS	17	18 Last day of school Early release h.s. 10:45 m.s. 11:30 e.s. 12:15	19 Possible snow makeup day	20 Possible snow makeup day 6:00 p.m. School Board regular mtg. District Office	21 Possible snow makeup day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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PSD Professional Support

- Mentor teacher program for new teachers through year 5
- In-district professional certification program
- Collaboration Wednesdays
- Administrator internship program
- Instructional technology support provided for all teachers
- Staff development opportunities
- National Board Certification support
- Ongoing professional development



Friday Kindergarten Option

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Gig Harbor Y Friday Kindergarten Care Program. Please read the information below for more details.

- The YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties is offering Friday Full-Day Kindergarten Care for families in the Peninsula School District. Programs located at Artondale, Harbor Heights and Minter Creek Elementary Schools will include academic and enrichment programming as well as activities that will support your child's growth in the areas of social skills, school readiness and motor skill development.

The Y On-Site Shared-Space Childcare

The Peninsula School District is in partnership with The Y to run Before and After School Childcare programs at Artondale, Discovery, Harbor Heights, Minter Creek, Purdy, Vaughn and Voyager elementary school sites.

The Y also operates extended days during parent/teacher conference sessions and other early dismissal days, and will be operating full-day hours (6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.) during staff in-service days and seasonal breaks, excluding holidays.

For registration information, please call the Childcare Office at (253) 460-8887 or visit ymcatacoma.org and click on the Childcare tab.

The Y provides before-school supervision at each of the elementary schools for late start Wednesdays at no charge. The one-hour program emphasizes health and wellness.

School Attendance

The BECCA Truancy Bill

RCW 28A.225 —

Washington State Compulsory Attendance and Admission

*The law requires only one thing of students:
Attend school every school meeting day.*

Unexcused Absences

After one unexcused absence, the school must contact the parent/guardian. After a second unexcused absence, the school is required to schedule a conference with the parent/guardian and student to discuss solutions for truancy. If a student has five unexcused absences in a 30-day period, the school may take stronger steps to end truancy. The school may file a truancy petition with Pierce County Superior Court. After seven unexcused absences in a 30-day period or ten unexcused absences in one school year the BECCA Truancy law requires that school districts file a petition in Superior Court.

Fact Finding Workshop

This is the initial court action where the parent/guardian and student are educated on what the truancy law states; the importance of school; the necessity of school for obtaining gainful employment; and to meet with a probation officer to determine intervention strategies to prevent future truancy.



photo by Barbara Kase

Fact Finding Hearing

This is the follow-up court action when unexcused absences continue. This is a hearing in a court room with probation officers, a court commissioner, a prosecuting attorney, defense counsel and school or truancy service facilitators for the purpose of determining best strategies to assist with attendance difficulties. Students have the right to set a “Contested Fact Finding Hearing” at this hearing, if they have compelling evidence that valid reasons exist for absences.

School Attendance

Why is attendance at school important?

- There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.
- Students who miss a day of school miss instruction and must make up the work while trying to catch up with new material.
- Student non-attendance affects the student, the family and the community.

Arrive on time every school day!

- Students are ready to start school without being rushed and feeling frustrated.
- Students are present to hear important morning announcements.
- Students who have already started learning are not interrupted.
- Students get into the habit of being punctual.



The following are valid excuses for absences from school:

- Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program;
- Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including but not limited to medical, counseling, dental or optometry);
- Family emergency, including but not limited to a death or illness in the family;
- Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- Court, judicial proceeding or serving on a jury;
- Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055;
- Absence directly related to the student's homeless status;
- Absence related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW 28A.705.010;
- Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion); and
- Principal (or designee) and parent, guardian or emancipated youth mutually agreed upon approved activity, provided that such excused absences shall not be permitted if deemed to cause a serious adverse effect upon the student educational progress consistent with RCW 28A.225.010.

The school principal (or designee) has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence. Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria above for an excused absence.

District Policy Highlights

*All policies are available online at www.psd401.net
under the District scroll-down menu upon selecting School Board*

Possible Impact on Graduation

The Peninsula School District considers participation in commencement exercises and related activities as a ceremonial privilege granted to students and not an entitlement. Therefore, any student who is placed on suspension for exceptional misconduct during the fourth quarter of the student's senior year will not be allowed to participate in school commencement exercises.

Searches of Students and Personal Property

All students shall be free from unreasonable searches of their person, clothing and other personal property. However, a student is subject to search by school officials if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that the search will yield evidence of a student's violation of the law or school rules governing student conduct.

Electronic Resources Policy

We expect students to use District computing devices as well as any personal devices to access digital resources responsibly and appropriately. Our Policy and Procedures summarize the use for educational purposes only and specifically prohibits harassment and bullying. We will provide appropriate Internet safety instruction, direction and supervision to make that experience both safe and educationally enriching.

It is important to note, anyone using any personal computing device and/or cell phone

to access digital resources and/or the Internet on District property must comply with all the acceptable and responsible use provisions in place under Policy 2022 and Procedures 2022P. Read the entire Policy (<http://sl.psd401.net/2022>) and Procedures (<http://sl.psd401.net/2022P>) on our website: www.psd401.net.

Expectations of Privacy

A student enjoys a reasonable expectation of privacy in his/her person, clothing, and personal effects (a purse or wallet). A student enjoys a limited expectation of privacy in containers used at school, such as book bags and student desks (a vehicle is considered a giant backpack).




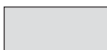
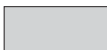
Locker Searches

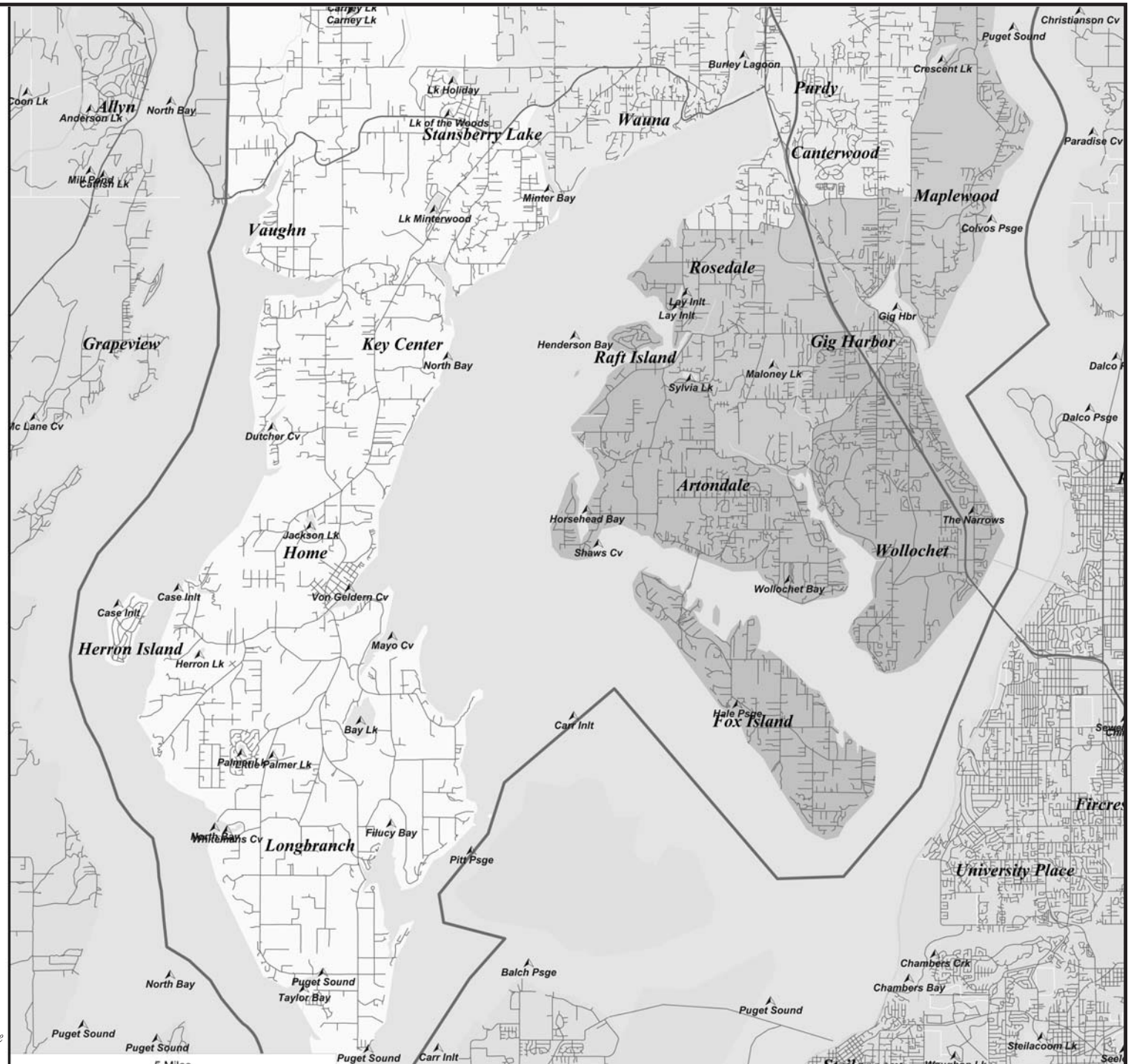
Lockers, desks, and storage areas are the property of Peninsula School District. No right or expectation of privacy exists for any

student as to the use of any locker issued or assigned to a student by the school. Any individual student's locker, desk or other storage area shall be subject to search if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that the search will yield evidence of the student's violation of the law or school rules.



Peninsula School District's proposed board districts as approximated using Census 2010 geography

-  1st District
-  2nd District
-  3rd District
-  4th District
-  5th District



Student Responsibilities

The complete handbook is located online at www.psd401.net under "Family" and copies are available from office staff upon request

Students who do not comply with the following student responsibilities will be referred to the principal/designee who shall take appropriate administrative action resulting in discipline, emergency removal from class, Emergency Expulsion, Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion. The following acts are specifically prohibited on school grounds, on school-sponsored transportation, and at school events off school grounds:

The conduct marked with an asterisk (*) (identified as exceptional misconduct) has been judged by the ad hoc citizens' committee and Board of Directors to be so serious in nature and/or so serious in terms of the disruptive effect upon the operation of the school(s), that students may be subject to a suspension for a first-time offense.

- *1. Abuse of Computer including Abuse of Internet Access and E-mail Abuse
- *2. Alcohol, Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia — Possession or Use
- *3. Alcohol or Drugs — Sale or Delivery
- *4. Arson/Reckless Burning
- *5. Assault/Threat of
 - 6. Attendance
- *7. Bomb Threat
- 8. Cheating
- 9. Closed Campus Violation
- *10. Damage, Destruction of Property (Vandalism)
- *11. Dangerous Weapons and/or Firearms
- *12. Defiance
- 13. Disobedience (no tolerance to violation of School District rules)
- *14. Disruptive Conduct
- 15. Disruptive Dress and Appearance
- *16. Extortion
- 17. False Accusations
- *18. False Alarm
- *19. Falsification/Forgery of Documents
- *20. Fighting
- *21. Gangs/Gang Activity
- *22. Harassment
 - a. Intimidation and Bullying
 - b. Unlawful Discrimination
 - c. Sexual Harassment
- *23. Hazing (Froshing)
- 24. Inappropriate Displays of Affection
- 25. Inappropriate Language/Verbal Abuse
- 26. Inappropriate Use of Electronic Devices
- *27. Intentional Misuse of School Equipment/Supplies/Facilities
- *28. Intimidation
- *29. Lewd Behavior/Sexual Misconduct/Indecent Exposure
- *30. Negligent/Reckless Driving
- *31. Obscene or Disruptive Material
- *32. Occupation of School Property
- 33. Occupying Unauthorized Area
- 34. Plagiarism
- *35. Possession or Use of Explosive or Ignition Devices
- *36. Possession or Use of Tobacco
- *37. Robbery
- 38. Simple Assault (deleted from secondary)
- *39. Theft/Possession of Stolen Property
- *40. Trespass
 - 41. Unauthorized Gatherings
- *42. Unauthorized Use of Technology

General Disciplinary Procedures

Progressive Discipline: Except as previously noted where exceptional misconduct may result in a suspension or expulsion, discipline is generally progressive. District staff members are expected to use only that degree of corrective action that is reasonably calculated to modify inappropriate student behavior. If student behavior is not then modified in an appropriate fashion, staff may employ actions or sanctions not previously imposed in order to correct behavior.

Parental Notification: Whenever a student is involved in any activity that may lead to discipline, suspension or expulsion of any party, whether or not any penalty is administered, the parent or guardian will be notified in a timely manner.

School Year Limitation: With few exceptions, the discipline sanctions imposed upon a student during one school year do not carry over and affect discipline in succeeding years. However, some exceptional misconduct violations may be cumulative from school year to school year.

Programs Supported by Student Services Include:

- Special Education and ChildFind
- Title I/Learning Assistance Program
- English Language Learner Program (ELL)
- Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- Home/Hospital
- Safe & Drug Free Schools and Tobacco Prevention Programs
- School Nurses/Health Services
- Section 504

Staff members of the Student Services department are located in many of the school buildings around the district; however, the executive director and support personnel are housed at the District Office at 14015 62nd Avenue NW, Gig Harbor and can be reached at 530-1080.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal privacy law that gives parents certain protections with regard to their children's education records, such as report cards, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact and family information, and class schedules. As a parent, you have the right to review your child's education records and to request changes under limited circumstances. To protect your child's privacy, the law generally requires schools to ask for written consent before disclosing your child's personally identifiable information to individuals other than you. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.

Emergency Closures

Communication to Peninsula School District families about school closures is paramount to our educational process. Below is a list of resources parents may use to learn about emergency school closures due to adverse weather and other events.

- SchoolMessenger® System: notifies all parents within 30 minutes by phone and text message
- Peninsula School District website: www.psd401.net
- Peninsula School District Emergency Information Line: 253-530-1088
- Local radio stations: KOMO 1000 AM, KING 1090 AM, KIRO 710 AM, KMPS 1300 AM, KMPS 94.1, STAR 101.5, KUBE 93.3 FM
- KGHP (District radio station): 89.3FM, 89.9FM, 93.7FM
- Local TV stations: KING 5, KOMO 4, KIRO 7, KSTW 11, KCPQ 13
- Emergency bus route information is available in school offices and also on the Peninsula School District website under "Schools"
- You may also subscribe to School Report through Public Schools Emergency Communications Systems (PSECS), which will automatically send you an email notifying you of any delays or closures that are posted. To subscribe, go to: www.schoolreport.org.

How decisions are made: Weather information is reviewed the day and night prior to the decision. A review with our transportation department and neighboring districts is also done. Starting at 3:00 a.m. or sooner, the superintendent and transportation department representatives drive emergency bus routes throughout the district's 120 square miles. The district may choose to operate on a normal schedule, have a late start, or close entirely.

Late starts allow us: • time to monitor and adjust decisions to changing conditions; • time to provide the safety of daylight for students and transportation personnel; •additional time for staff to arrive to work; •time for transportation to further critique snow routes and make necessary adjustments or modifications.



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