

Because we know that...

Children come first and that all children when provided the opportunity to receive a high quality education in a safe and nurturing learning environment will achieve at high levels ...

Parents are their children's first and most important teachers and a school's most valuable education partner...

It takes the engagement of the entire community to ensure the success of each child and the success of its public schools...

Our Promise

We promise that...

When kids tune out or act up, a caring adult will reach out to get them back on track.

Every child will be respected as a rising scholar.

There will be a textbook for every child in every class.

We will do whatever it takes to rebuild lives, restore hope, and revive dreams.

Relationships and rigor will always matter.

Superintendent's PROMISE ACADEMIES

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A BRIEF GUIDE

The School District of Philadelphia



THE PROMISE ACADEMIES PLAN

WHAT is a Promise Academy?

A Philadelphia PROMISE ACADEMY is a Renaissance-eligible school that will be developed and overseen by the Superintendent and the central office staff she appoints for this purpose. Promise Academies will be staffed and managed by District employees with union affiliations.

By definition, a PROMISE causes hope, expectation, and the assurance of future distinction.

PEOPLE make promises,
PEOPLE keep promises,
PEOPLE will make the difference our children need.

There will be more parental presence throughout the day.

We will honor codes of dress, discipline, respect, and order – both in and out of the classroom.

Volunteers will go door to door to invite the community into the daily life of the Promise Academy.

WHAT will the structure of a PROMISE ACADEMY look like?

- 1 LONGER SCHOOL DAY** – The academy environment will be “rejuvenated” with longer hours — one additional hour for instruction (remedial or accelerated) and another for enrichment activities.
- 2 SATURDAY SCHOOL** – to be held every other week to provide cultural enrichment programs, field trips and activities.
- 3 SUMMER SCHOOL (SUMMER LEARNING AND MORE)** – to provide enrichment and help prevent the loss of learning over the summer.
- 4 UNIFORMS** – Blue sweaters with Promise Academy Logo.
Girls will wear tan bottoms (jumper or skirt or pant), white blouse, with a blue cross tie, black or brown shoes.
Boys will wear tan dress pant, blue tie with a white shirt, Black or brown shoes.
Blue Blazers with Promise Academy Logo will be worn for Special Events sponsored by the School District)
- 5 ACADEMIC PROGRAM** – a highly structured program including the District’s Core Curriculum and Corrective Math and Corrective Reading intervention.
- 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS** – a research-based program for students who need language development.
- 7 WORLD LANGUAGE STUDY** – exploratory in grades K-5 and language acquisition in grades 6-12.
- 8 SPECIAL NEEDS** – a research-based inclusion approach to meet the instructional needs of the students.
- 9 SCHOOL SAFETY** – a research-based program that is responsive to the needs of the school community.
- 10 PARENT ENGAGEMENT** – “Promise Parents” will sign a contract with the school binding them to the school’s rules and other non-negotiables. On-site Parent University classes will be held for parents to continue their learning.
- 11 PROMISE PLEDGE** – Students and teachers will recite a pledge daily.
- 12 COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISING** – Every Promise Academy will offer opportunities for college readiness, career counseling and internships.
- 13 TWO STUDENT EVENTS** – Each Academy will hold one event per semester (e.g., a talent show or concert) that everyone should attend. This will be included in the parent contract.
- 14 SPECIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAMS** – These programs will serve to motivate and reward student achievement and success.

WHAT kinds of Activities and Enrichment Opportunities will PROMISE ACADEMIES offer?

ATHLETIC/COMPETITIVE

Aerobics Classes
Basketball Skill Training
Exercise and Nutrition Classes
Gymnastics Classes
Martial Arts
Weight Training
Wii Fitness Program
Yoga Classes

FIELD TRIPS

Cultural, Historical, Scientific, etc.
(Saturday School)

CREATIVE/PERFORMANCE

Art and/or Photography Classes
Instrumental & Vocal Music
(with choir and concert performances)
Creative Writing
Dance Classes
Drama Classes (with poetry slams)
Fashion Design and Drawing

ACADEMIC/BRAIN CHALLENGES

Academic Decathlon
Archeology and Egyptology Club
Career and Technical Education
Chess Club
Forensics and Debating Club
Forensics Science Club
Odyssey of the Mind Competitions
Public Speaking and Politics Club