

## Helen C. Peirce School of International Studies

Welcome to Peirce! We created this guide to help you get started as a new member of the Peirce community. Underlined sections are “Links” that can take you to additional documents and can be found on the [peirce.cps.edu](http://peirce.cps.edu) website under the “parents” tab and then click “new to Peirce” - this paper version is only to serve as a notice of where to find this information.

### 1. [Sign up for PARENT PORTAL](#)

Once your child is enrolled officially in the system a student ID number and PIN number will be created to help you create a parent portal account. This is critical because we need your help at home in making sure our students maintain good academic standing. It takes less than five minutes to sign up and you can set up automatic alerts that notify you when your child's grades drop below a predetermined grade. To sign up, you will need your child's CPS ID# and a Portal PIN#. Contact Lynn or Sally in the main office to receive your ID & PIN #s. The Parent Portal Orientation Guide will walk you through this process step-by-step, so be sure to review it.

[ENGLISH ORIENTATION GUIDE](#)

[SPANISH ORIENTATION GUIDE](#)

3. [Sign Up for electronic communications](#): Receive communications from Principal Zaimi as well as other news, alerts, event information and more.

3. [Join one of our Parent Organizations](#): We strongly encourage you to join our [Parent Organizations](#) because they will help you find a way to get your voice heard.

4. Share your talents: Please consider taking an active role in supporting the Peirce community. Check out our [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page or contact Cecilia Bocanegra Eichenseer at [peircevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:peircevolunteers@gmail.com) and find out how you can help! Also, be sure to like the [Peirce PSO page on Facebook](#) to stay up to date on the latest volunteer needs.

5. Get social: There are a number of ways to keep tabs on what's going on at Peirce.

- [Helen C. Peirce School page on Facebook](#): View pictures, videos, and get other important information.
- [INSTAGRAM](#): Check out pictures of activities from the school.
- [Parents of Peirce on Facebook](#): This is a parent-managed venue to enable the sharing of information and ideas.
- [Friends of Peirce on Facebook](#): Find out about FOP events, volunteer needs and other ways to support Peirce.

6. [Plan ahead for before and after school programs](#)

7. Learn about the ins and outs of Peirce: [Check out the Family Handbook](#)

8. Meet the teachers: [Visit your student's classroom website](#)

9. Buy school supplies: [Pre-K list](#), [Grades 1-8 list](#)

